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## Warm weather prompts Sunday picnic



Photos by Cheryl Ruley

It was only a few weeks ago when thermometers in outlying areas of Crawford County bottomed out at 30 degrees below zero. On Sunday, March 16, the local temperature reached at least 67 degrees (as shown at right) -- 97 degrees warmer! Enjoying the beautiful sunshine and warm temperatures amid a thick blanket of snow was the Brill family (and their dog) who picnicked in the Grayling City Park at about 1 p.m. that day. Spring begins Friday, March 21.



## City to go back to Monday trash pick-up

► City council approves Waste Management's request 5-0

Roadside trash pick-up for City of Grayling residents will be reverting back to Mondays starting soon.

A few years ago, when the city was renewing its trash service contract with Waste

Management, the city council decided to change from Monday pick-up to Wednesday because the company's bid for Monday pick-up was significantly more expensive.

Waste Management has since adjusted its operation, and recently asked the city if it would be willing to amend its current contract with the company and switch back to Monday pick-up.

"It would even the routes out,"

Waste Management officials said at last Monday's city council meeting. "It just makes our operation run more efficiently."

The council voted 5-0 to approve the change in the city's contract with Waste Management to reflect the change in pick-up day from Wednesday back to Monday.

According to Waste Management, the company will inform city residents of the change by sending notices

through the mail.

Monday pick-up will start on March 31. City of Grayling officials said the company would also pick up on Wednesday, April 2, just in case a few residents do not receive notice of the change.

The switch from Wednesday to Monday is expected to be complete on April 7.

The time -- trash must be at roadside by 7 a.m. on pick-up day -- remains unchanged.

## President raises terror alert to 'high' as country awaits war

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A Camp Grayling official said early Tuesday no extra measures are being taken to heighten security at the Michigan National Guard base, although the national Terror Alert status was raised to orange or "High" Monday night by President George W. Bush.

The camp has been under increased states of security since the terrorist attacks on America on September 11, 2001.

In a television address to the nation and the world the evening of March 17, President Bush told Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein he and his sons had 48 hours to leave Iraq or face the consequences of war.

Bush stated Hussein's failure to disarm according to United Nation's Resolution 1441 has forced a military disarmament of Iraq by the U.S., Britain and other allies.

Bush stated if Hussein doesn't leave by the 48-hour deadline (at 8 p.m. EST on March 19), the U.S. and its allies will begin disarmament militarily "at a time of our choosing."

Bush also addressed the Iraqi people who may have been listening, stating, "your liberation is near."

With the signs of war growing nearer, the President raised the terror alert level one notch to bring awareness to the American people that terrorist activities in the U.S. may increase.

## Superintendent meets with Frederic board

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Superintendent Milli Haug met with the Frederic Township Board to discuss possible uses for the Frederic Elementary building beginning this summer.

Haug said it's a wonderful building but it will be eight or nine years before the population will grow enough to need to use it as a school again. Current plans are for Head Start to continue to use the building, but the school board would like to see the building also become a resource for the community.

One of the suggestions made was to turn the building into a center much like the CRAF center in Roscommon. The CRAF

Center has a gym, weight room, and offers dance classes among other things.

Other suggestions included using the building for meetings, wedding receptions, and after school programs. Haug told the board the playground equipment will be left intact.

Haug was also asked why the building was not going to operate as a school next year since the basic grant from the state will be unchanged from this year. She said that the school budget had to be trimmed more than \$750,000 next year in any case because of declining enrollment. With the closing of the school they still need to cut more than \$500,000 from the budget.

## Ticket to prom includes alcohol breath test

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

At the request of the high school administrators, the Crawford AuSable School Board passed a motion to allow administering a preliminary breath test (PBT) to all teens attending the Grayling High School prom. The vote was 4-2.

The request stemmed from the incident involving alcohol at the February 22 dance during Spirit Week. At that dance, 15-30 teens were reported to have left immediately after two teens were detained and given minor in possession violations by sheriff's deputies.

Assistant Grayling High School Principal Melissa Stone said the testing is a preventative measure. The prom will be held in Houghton Lake and without the testing there could be a huge problem of teens drinking and driving to and from the prom.

When students purchase their prom tickets they will be informed that they will be subject to a mandatory PBT (preliminary breathalyzer test) when they enter the prom. The test

will be administered by sheriff's deputies. Those testing positive will be detained and their parents will be called to pick them up.

Board members stressed this vote will affect only the prom. It may, however, become part of the board policy after review.

Jack Pilon, who voted for the measure, said he was only voting for it because it was a voluntary activity. He voiced his displeasure with the fact that the board had very little to no warning of this possible vote before the meeting.

Stone said no one thought administering a PBT test would be needed until after the February incident occurred. Other school districts were contacted to see how they handle the problem of drinking and PBT testing seemed like the best alternative. Stone also said the school wanted to start selling tickets to the prom on March 18 and prevention would work best if students know about the testing at the time they purchase their tickets.

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## M.D.A. BEGINS SHAMROCK CAMPAIGN

Across Grayling, green and gold Shamrocks Against Dystrophy mobiles are dotting the walls at businesses, schools and other locations.

Those who donate \$1 or \$5 to sign their names to a colorful mobile are taking part in the nation's biggest charity event associated with St. Patrick's Day to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

Here in Grayling, the funds raised by Shamrocks Against Dystrophy help support an outpatient clinic at Mid Michigan Regional Medical Center, fund neuromuscular disease research at universities throughout Michigan (including Michigan State University, University of Michigan, and Wayne State University), send kids to MDA summer camp and much more.



Photo courtesy of Charlie's Country Corner

Fick & Sons' Retail Operations Manager, Kaye Laughton, captured the "wearing of the green" -- green paper shamrocks covering the walls of Charlie's Country Corner, showing the community's support for the research work and outpatient clinics funded by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The MDA Shamrocks Against Dystrophy are on sale all over Crawford County.

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## Financial woes looming for COA

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Mickey Perez, the new Commission on Aging (COA) accountant, gave the COA Board disturbing news at their Committee of the Whole meeting. Their expenditures are exceeding their revenues in at least three areas of their budget. They are currently at the break even point on their budget but last month they overspent by approximately \$10,000.

The major problem is occurring in the Meals on Wheels program. One of the problems with the program is that last year they served approximately 3,700 meals during the month of February whereas this year the number was over 5,000. The increase in the number of meals was unexpected and not part of the budget. Among the suggestions made to cut the costs or increase the revenues were getting more volunteers to

deliver meals, deliver all the meals for the week at once, one hot, the rest frozen, and apply for more grants to help increase revenues.

Board members expressed concern that if the COA continued to lose approximately \$50,000 each year, the six month operating cushion they have in case funding ceases will be completely gone in five years.

At the evening board meeting, the board asked COA Director Nova Anderson to provide information each month on units served, cost per unit and revenue per unit for each type of service.

The board asked the finance committee and Anderson to begin work on two budgets for next year - one similar to this year and one reflecting the projected 15 percent cut in revenues. The 15 percent cut would necessitate cutting approximately \$70,000 in programs and services.

## Plans underway to ease transition for FE students

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Grayling Elementary Principal Angela Camp told the Crawford AuSable School Board 17 people have been working hard to ensure the transition caused by the closure of Frederic Elementary school will be as smooth as possible. The group is composed of administrators and staff people from Frederic Elementary, Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary as well as representatives from Grayling and Frederic Parent-Teacher Organizations.

Camp reported that plans include bringing all Frederic Elementary students to Grayling on April 14. They will spend most of the day meeting and interacting with other students in their grade.

Frederic students in grades K-4 will be given a tour of the building, work on projects with

their Grayling counterparts, eat lunch and check out the playground equipment during recess.

Fifth graders will not necessarily be given a tour of the building since they will be going to the middle school next year. They will spend the day interacting with other fifth graders.

On April 22, kindergarten orientation will be held at AuSable Primary. Parents of the kindergarten class of 2003-04 will be receiving a letter from Principal Barbara Mick shortly.

There will also be an orientation meeting the evening of May 8 for Frederic parents and students. They will have the chance to tour the building and meet teachers.

Booklets are also being developed which will give information about the school, teachers, and contain a map of the buildings.

## New state senator is keeping busy

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

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Stamas now serves as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee and Chair of the Department of Community Health Appropriations Subcommittee. He is also a member of the Appropriations Subcommittees on State Police and Military Affairs, Community Colleges, and Transportation for the current legislative session.

In addition, Stamas serves as a member of the Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee, and Vice Chair of the committee on Senior Citizens and Veteran Affairs.

Stamas represents taxpayers in Crawford, Alcona, Alpena, Gladwin, Iosco, Midland, Oscoda, Montmorency, Otsego and Oscoda counties.

Challenged with a \$1.5 billion state budget deficit, Stamas said his main concern is the legal responsibility to live within a balanced budget. "I will work with both parties to protect the interests of the taxpayers while facing those responsibilities," Stamas said. "I feel the priorities of both the parties are similar and our first good step was to save revenue sharing for local communities. It was a good first step and a good faith effort."

Revenue sharing includes dollars collected from state sales tax, distributed to counties, cities and townships. Cuts in revenue sharing were minimal for fiscal year 2003, saving many a county budget, including that of Crawford County.

Stamas urged his constituents all along to contact him regarding any state issues or concerns. He has held office hours in six locations within the 36th District thus far this year, including a March 14 stop in Grayling at the county courthouse.

Stamas said the majority of

questions he has received around areas of northern Lower Michigan concern school and Medicaid funding.

The senator's first bill, introduced January 14, deals with eliminating intrusive election campaign phone calls. Senate Bill 3 would require phone calls made during elections must state who is paying for the call and, if the candidate's committee has not given authorization in writing, the phone message must include, "Not authorized by a candidate committee."

The bill also specifies that if candidate does approve of the call, the message must include an authorization statement. It has been referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Most recently, Stamas' Senate Bill 180, barring state agencies from using 900 numbers, thus charging callers for public information, passed out of the Senate Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs and was passed unanimously by the full Senate. The bill now awaits House approval.

Constituents and others with questions may contact Senator Stamas at his legislative office by calling toll-free 1-866-305-2136 or via e-mail at: OfcTStamas@senate.michigan.gov; or by writing: Senator Tony Stamas, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536.

## GHS earns perfect score on inspection

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School Board learned Grayling High School received the highest possible rating in all 173 applicable criteria during a recent inspection conducted by the school's insurer.

The inspection is a safety inspection which duplicates an in-house safety inspection held yearly. This outside inspection

helps ensure that all areas are maintained as safely as possible.

The inspection covered a range of conditions from general policies and procedures, to specific criteria for areas as diverse as the boiler room, science labs, athletic fields, the auditorium, offices, general classrooms to the bus garage and bus drivers.

Board President Karl Schreiner said he was very pleased with the results.

## Snowmobile accident kills Warren resident

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A 56-year old downstate man died early Saturday morning after crashing his snowmobile on the Blue Bear Trail in Frederic Township.

According to Michigan State Troopers out of the Houghton Lake Post, Ramond William Amato of Warren appeared to have lost control of his Yamaha snowmobile on a curve around 1 a.m. March 15, causing him to

leave the machine and crash headfirst into a tree.

Amato suffered massive head injuries, although he was wearing a helmet. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Troopers were assisted by Frederic Township Volunteer Fire and Rescue personnel and Mobile Medical Response personnel.

An investigation of the accident continues by Houghton Lake Post State Troopers.

## Stamas discusses rural health issues

► Medicaid, shortage of health care workers topics of discussion

GRAYLING — State Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland), representing Michigan's 36th District, visited with Mercy Hospital Grayling Board Members, Administration, Auxiliary, and representatives of Trinity Health during a recent tour of the hospital.

Hospital CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak provided an overview of Trinity Health and Mercy Hospital Grayling during the February 24 visit. Discussion centered on four legislative issues of immediate concern -- Certificate of Need, Medicaid, the shortage of health care professionals, and Trauma Commission.

On the Medicaid issue, two key recommendations were presented to Sen. Stamas. He was urged to spare rural hospitals from budget cut impacts and to reinstate Rural Health Initiative monies. As the Chair of the six-member Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Health, Sen. Stamas is in a key position within the State



Photo courtesy of Mercy Hospital Grayling

Gathered for the recent visit of Sen. Tony Stamas were, from left, Mercy Hospital Grayling (MHG) Board member Paul Lerg, MHG CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, Sen. Stamas, Trinity Health Vice President for Advocacy Nancy Baerwaldt, MHG Auxiliary member Ken Eldridge, MHG Board member Joe Porter, and MHSA representative for Trinity Health Brett Marr.

Legislature.

Following the discussion of legislative issues, Sen. Stamas visited the hospital's Emergency Department, Radiology and Mercy Manor.

"The primary reason for Sen. Stamas' visit was for him to gain

further understanding of Mercy Hospital Grayling and the issues that we face as a rural hospital in northern Michigan," said Riemer-Matuzak. "We are delighted that Sen. Stamas and Mercy Hospital Grayling will be working together to keep rural

health care issues in the forefront in Lansing."

The 36th Congressional District includes the counties of Crawford, Otsego, Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, Iosco, Ogemaw, Gladwin, Oscoda, and Midland.

## Rural hospitals face steeper financial obstacles

by Luke Pickelman  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Rural hospitals around the state are struggling to help find solutions to Michigan's budget crisis.

Meanwhile, about \$97 million in federal support has been chopped from Michigan hospitals for 2003, and it may get worse, said Laura Appel, senior director of legislative policy for the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

"They're talking about another [federal] cut," she said. "When will it stop?"

The state's Medicaid program will suffer the most from the budget woes. This year, Michigan will spend \$7.2 billion on Medicaid for about 1.2 million people. Of this, the federal government pays for 55 percent -- the rest falls on the shoulders of state taxpayers.

Because small and rural hospitals have more elderly patients -- and thus more Medicare than Medicaid business -- they many not be hit as hard as hospitals in urban areas that see more Medicaid patients, Appel said.

But the funding cuts hurt everyone. Rural communities tend to be more economically depressed and have more unemployment and lower incomes than cities and suburbs. Hospitals in rural areas are thus "safety

nets," treating patients regardless of their ability to pay.

The underfunding of programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, an increasing number of uninsured families and a dwindling number of health care workers are taking their toll on rural hospitals and seriously affecting their ability to continue to serve their communities.

"The people who are served by these health care providers deserve to know that their community hospital is facing real financial hardship," said MHA President Spencer Johnson. "The MHA is committed to getting that message to those who can make a difference."

The state's rural hospitals in 2001 provided more than \$143 million worth of uncompensated care -- treatment not covered by Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance -- and that amount is sure to grow, Johnson said.

In February, leaders from nearly 100 rural hospitals met for a Small and Rural Hospital Conference in Lansing. The group worked to develop creative solutions to meet the fiscal challenges of the state budget.

"Everybody is trying to figure out what to do," Appel said. For example, many hospitals plan to shut down some units and "get back to the basics of patient care."

Units that usually come into question are rehabilitation and home health care, Appel said. Also, community activities intended to educate people about their own health will become more common.

Recruiting health care professionals is also important, Appel said.

"Even the most rural of hospitals has great technology," she said. "There is a need to attract workers."

The MHA is pessimistic about

federal relief, Appel said. The state's situation is not unique and is hard to attract attention to.

"I was in Washington last month asking for help," she said. Community education and involvement are key to the survival of small and rural hospitals, Johnson said.

"Communities must become better informed about the economic and social value of their local hospitals before these facilities are forced to close their doors," he said.

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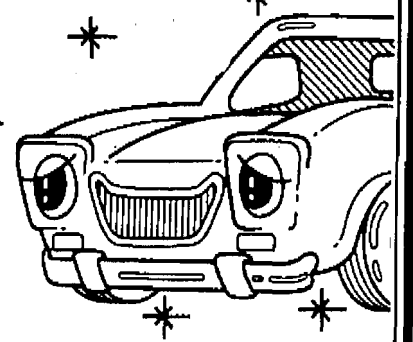
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Board members Marilyn Rosi and Carol Ramaswamy voted against the mandatory testing. Both stressed they knew there was a problem with teenage

drinking and were not necessarily opposed to the testing. But, the two felt they did not have enough time to make a reasoned and thoughtful decision, thus were forced to vote no.

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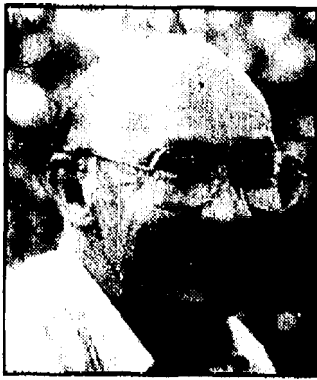
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Campaign against all things French is childish

WE AMERICANS are a strange conglomeration of individuals.

Consider the current fetish to condemn all things with any connection, no matter how tenuous, with France or the word "French."

Why? Because the French government leads the opposition to American attempts at the United Nations to sanction military action against Iraq.

How dare France do such a thing? We'll show them.

Late night talk show hosts and stand up comics make jokes about France, raking over old, cold derogatory nationalistic stereotypes about the France and French people.

A radio station in Las Vegas crushed photos of French President Jacques Chirac, copies of the French flag, a Paris travel guide, and bottles of French wine.

Another easy target has been that staple of American diets -- French fried potatoes.

The restaurant at the US House of Representatives in Washington recently banned French fried potatoes from the

menu. Instead busy capitol types will have to be satisfied with "Freedom Fries." So did assorted restaurants around the country.

Columnist Maureen Dowd reports retailers are busy covering over the labels on French dressing and French vanilla yogurt.

In Florida, owner of a West Palm Beach restaurant claims to have dumped his entire stock of French wine and champagne into the street.

Also in Palm Beach, a county commissioner tried to block public contracts with French related firms.

And then there are French toast, French cheeses, French pastries, French mineral water ..... the list goes on and on.

I suppose we're going to have to replace French doors next, and a ban on French kissing may be close behind.

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ALL OF THIS is silly, of course.

More serious is a proposal by a member of congress that the government pay to bring back to the United States the

remains of US service personnel buried in France, if relatives request it.

Even more sobering is that requests for disinterment and reburial of war casualties back in the United States reportedly have been made.

In some ways, it's ironic that the anti-French movement has been sparked by France's steadfastness against repeated American attempts to make Saddam Hussein toe the mark.

Most polls show a substantial portion of the American public don't go along with what is perceived to be President Bush's headlong rush to an early war against Iraq.

In other words, many Americans agree more with the French than with the Americans.

Should the French be castigated when their point of view is shared by millions of Americans -- but not American political leadership?

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PALM BEACH County Commissioner Burt Aaronson, who has spearheaded much of the anti-French

siliness in his area, explained his opposition:

"We've left thousands of our men and women over in France, underground. It's quite possible that if we didn't send our troops there, the French people would all be speaking German."

Keep in mind that voters in Palm Beach County a couple years ago couldn't figure out how to read the butterfly ballot, nor how to punch a chad all the way out of a ballot.

It's quite true many American troops died in France during World War I, fighting side by side with French troops against Kaiser Wilhelm's Germany, and thousands more were killed in France during World War II, helping to liberate France on their way to crushing Adolf Hitler's Germany.

But as others have pointed out, in both wars the American military services to France were incidental to the larger goal of defeating the common German enemy.

Historians of an earlier era also have pointed out that help by France at certain

stages of the American Revolution was crucial to the United States' emergence as a nation.

In other words, in counter to Florida's Comm. Aaronson, if it had not been for France's help during our revolutionary period, Americans today might be singing "God Save the Queen" rather than "The Star Spangled Banner."

As for the boycott of French fried potatoes (which are a product of Belgium, not France), French toast, French dressing, and other such targets, let's hold off for a while.

Russia and Germany have been regular in their support of France's lead opposing American-backed war resolutions at the UN.

Only when boycott backers start dumping German beer and Russian vodka down the sewers should we even consider taking this thing seriously.

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# EDITOR

## VIEWPOINT

by Ronald F. Conley,  
National Commander  
The American Legion

# President has done everything possible

I am convinced that President Bush has done everything possible to disarm Iraq peacefully. No one wants war. Those of us who have seen the face of war do not want to see such horror again -- not for our families -- and not for the families of others.

The President has demonstrated patience and resolve in facing the threat of potential terrorist attacks by those armed with weapons of mass destruction. The United States of America must face facts: some things are worth fighting for and our freedom and security are paramount.

At such a critical time in our nation's history, I call on all Americans to show support for our men and women in uniform. Show your colors once again by flying the American flag with pride and the purpose of national unity.

Join with others in prayer for those in uniform. Look for Blue Star Service Banners in home windows everywhere. This rekindled tradition reminds us that the war on terrorism touches every street and country lane in the land. I am proud of the 2.8 million members of The American Legion who have worked to bring this humble tradition back to life.

In a private letter to President Bush late last week I wrote, "When you hear voices of appeasement, remember scripture teaches that 'He shall direct our paths.' We veterans know war is not always avoidable. Scripture also teaches us, 'to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven... a time of war, and a time of peace... and God doeth it that men should fear before him.' The American Legion kneels with you and those in uniform and stands beside you, shoulder to shoulder, for God and country."

The American Legion provides support for the families of those deployed through its Family Support Network. There are many ways to show your support for our troops.

Visit our web site at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) for more information.

## Frederic school issue should be revisited

To the editor,

As Governor Granholm has determined that she will not withhold funds from Michigan schools, it is only reasonable that the issue of Frederic Elementary should be revisited.

It would be prudent for the school board and business manager to re-examine their financial projections for next year.

Margaret Partello  
Frederic

## Third time's the charm

To the editor,

We believe the opportunity for Grayling to grow and move forward will be enhanced by the Grayling City Council unanimously approving the proposed Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The information session held on March 12 was very informative and positive for the council members and concerned citizens. In addition to GUDA (Grayling Uptown District Association), GPA (Grayling Promotional Association), and many talented and concerned individuals, we believe the DDA will become a viable and useful tool for Grayling's future prosperity.

Not only do we operate a business in Grayling, we reside in the proposed DDA District. There were a number of reasons why we moved to Grayling -- the environment, AuSable River, and

the great people -- but mostly for our and Grayling's overall potential.

This small community is recognized by local, regional, national and international visitors as being a focal point of wonderful activities and businesses. The present and future opportunities can be enhanced by our forward-looking citizens and city government and the passage of DDA.

We encourage contacting our City Council members -- Thomas Wellman, Jerry Hayes, Roger Moshier, Dennis Palmer, Mayor Dave Wyman, and City Manager Allen Lowe to voice your support for the establishment of a DDA for Grayling.

Doug Meroney  
Sharon Davis  
Fannie Finn's  
Grayling

# We can love our country... and still be against the war

To the editor,

Why is it that any citizen not in favor of a pre-emptory military attack on a small sovereign nation, half a world away, is portrayed as "unAmerican," "not supporting our troops," "cowardly" or "pro-terrorist?" Isn't it possible that a person can fully support our country's principles and military personnel, without supporting government policies which put those very principles and soldiers in peril?

No one refutes that Saddam Hussein is a bad man, and very likely has weapons which pose a threat to his immediate neighbors and to the United States. But if potential for harming America is our sole criteria for starting wars, then that logic also applies in reverse.

North Korea, or any other country, would be justified in attacking the United States based upon what we might do. To put it another way, if I know my neighbor doesn't like me, if he has stated publicly that he doesn't like me and wishes me ill, and

I know that he owns guns, am I then justified in breaking into his house and slaughtering him and his family? It is a terrible precedent to set.

If your justification for this particular war is that Iraq is home to terrorists, then you'd also better be prepared to start bombing North Korea, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Palestine, Israel, and Buffalo, New York.

The United States is not governed by international law. But the United States should not be blind to international sentiment, either. Our current cowboy mentality towards American foreign policy weakens not only any sense of international cooperation, but also makes America more vulnerable to future attacks.

Lastly, please consider how you wish to pay for this particular war. While for decades the Democratic Party has been labeled the party of "tax and spend," I find it ironic that the Republican Party has, for 20

years, become the party of "slash taxes, roll up deficits, and let the next guy fix it."

Would you like a tax increase? Eliminate all public education? Stop Social Security? Or, take the Reagan/Bush/Engler route and put it on your children's tab? How about putting it on your Visa card?

This would please all in favor of war because call the White House with your Visa card number today: you will be told the total cost of this expenditure when you receive your future statements.

It is possible to love America, to have profound respect for those willing to serve our country in its armed forces, and still disagree with what our government is doing in our name. We are fortunate to live in the greatest nation in the world, but that doesn't mean that our government policies are always moral or justifiable.

Kevin Garrity  
Grayling

# Both sides seek peace

To the editor,

My heart is full! I can barely imagine the disaster that is about to break the world apart; to literally blow it apart.

I can barely let myself imagine the terror that is about to rain down on the Iraqi people, their families, their children. Even the threatening presence of thousands of foreign planes overhead is terror already begun.

I believe that our action will boomerang and we will experience the greatest amount of ter-

ror on Americans in our country and abroad that we have ever known.

Yes, it was wrong and horrific that over 3,000 people were killed and families torn apart on September 11, 2001. We must never forget. But who was the enemy? Not the people of Iraq. And, retaliation never creates greater, long-lasting safety.

I think it is important to realize that those who criticize the ones protesting the war and those of us who are protesting the war

with Iraq have some common goals. We both want peace and we both support our troops. Our differences lie in how to accomplish those goals.

We all love our country and want it to be strong. The differences lie in how we think our country should be using its might.

Contact your senators and representatives.

Lorna Morse  
Grayling

## 'A Present Peril'

Another war - another time  
When casualties begin to climb.  
War's brewing in a foreign land --  
Across the sea, on desert sand.

Again, it's very much the same,  
A power-seeking man's to blame.  
He'll cause the world to cower, once more,  
From evil forces at our door.

The 'winds of war' will take their toll -  
affecting all, both young and old,  
Our eager youth (the first in line)  
And all the others left behind.

All peaceful nations that exist,  
Must join together to resist  
This 'present peril' drawing close  
To everything that we love most.

Dreadful events may come along,  
They'll test our faith, but leave us strong.  
The world's in turmoil, gripped by fear -  
Be thankful God is always near...

Joan Dickerson-Peters©  
February 20, 2003

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# BRIEFS

## Key Club holds drive for River House

The Grayling High School Key Club is conducting a Hygiene Product Drive, March 17-27, to collect donations of shampoo, body soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, feminine products, toilet paper, facial tissue, deodorant, and mouthwash. Drop boxes are located at Mercy Hospital Grayling, the Crawford County Courthouse, and the Grayling High School Main Office. Key Club members will also be collecting these items at Glen's Family Market in Grayling on Saturday, March 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All items collected will be donated to the River House Shelter Domestic Violence and Crisis Services in Grayling.

## Red Cross blood drive scheduled

Volunteer donors are the only source of blood products for hospital patients. That is why community participation in blood drives is critical. Help fulfill the need for blood for by participating in an American Red Cross blood drive at Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH), from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., on Thursday, March 27. OMH requests appointments for each blood donor participating. Call (989) 731-2216 to make an appointment. OMH is located at 825 North Center Avenue in Gaylord.

## Teens for Christ to perform locally

Grayling Free Methodist Church, located at 6352 West M-72 in Grayling (across from the Comfort Center), will host "Teens for Christ" on Sunday, March 23; worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend as this high school ministry group ministers to the congregation. For more information, call 348-9093.

## Library hosts book reading, signing

Roscommon author, Ida Mae Ireland, will discuss self-publishing and read selections of her book, *From Ashes: A Deep Canyon Tale*, a romantic novel of the West, at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street in Grayling, on Thursday, March 20 at 4 p.m. Ireland will also autograph books.

## Help by buying African crafts, jewelry

St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling and the African Team Ministries have teamed together to offer handcrafted articles and jewelry for sale to raise funds to provide Anglican Dioceses in East Africa with orphan support, aid to refugees, clean water, medical care, church repairs, and training for the laity. Items for sale include wood carvings from Kenya, numerous pieces of jewelry containing precious stones mined in Africa, plates, vases, baskets, and many more items from Kenya. Items will be offered for sale two Sundays -- March 16 and 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 West in Grayling. For more information, contact Charlotte Mosel at 344-2221.

## Stuart Little takes the stage soon

Crosstrails Community Theater will present "Stuart Little," the first stage production of this season this weekend at Kalkaska High School. Performances are Friday, March 21 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 22 with a 2 p.m. matinee and at 8 p.m. The following weekend, performances will be offered at the Concord Academy Antrim Community Arts Auditorium in Mancelona on Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 29 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. For ticket information, call the Pathways Art Council at (231) 258-8697 or 258-2979. This event is sponsored by Pathways Arts Council, with funding from Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

## Grayling women bowlers to meet

The Grayling Women's Bowling Association meeting will be held March 25 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Tournament money will be distributed and election of officers will be held. Please attend.

## Scholarship offered for seniors interested in a small business career

The Michigan State Director of National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Charles Owens, announced today that the application deadline for the 2003 Free Enterprise Scholars Awards has been extended to March 31. The NFIB awards are offered to high school seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit and initiative.

The scholarship is open to students across the nation and is the first of many which the NFIB Education Foundation will implement to encourage young people to consider a career in small business.

The Free Enterprise Scholars Award program will award a minimum of 100 non-renewable scholarships, each for \$1,000. Eligibility is limited to those entering their freshman year of

an accredited two- or four- year university/college, community college or vocational/technical institute. Each applicant must obtain the nomination of an NFIB member.

Students interested in the award will be asked to demonstrate their entrepreneurial achievement by answering a short, personal question defining their efforts. Applicants will also compose an essay about the importance of free enterprise and provide standardized test scores, GPA, and class rank. As a general guideline, students should rank in the top quarter to receive serious consideration.

Applications are available online at [www.nfibeducationfoundation.org](http://www.nfibeducationfoundation.org).

For more information call Laura Martin at 1-800-NFIB-NOW.

## Nominate a 'Kind Kid' in 10th annual contest

Do you know a kind kid who does exceptional things for animals? Nominate that outstanding child for American Humane and Kibbles'n Bits, 9Lives, Pounce, and Pup-Peroni's Be Kind to Animals Kid Contest.

This award is given each year to children selected through a national competition who have demonstrated an unusual dedication to the welfare of an animal or animals.

The nominees are divided into two age groups, six to nine and 10 to 13 years of age. Judges will select one grand prize winner and two runners-up from each age group.

Each grand prize winner will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship, provided by the sponsoring product company. All winners and runners-up will receive a special prize package, including a one-year supply of pet food and snacks, and media exposure. They will also be featured on the American Humane web site at [www.americanhumane.org](http://www.americanhumane.org).

Those who nominate individuals must be 18 years of age or older and must have written permission from the child's legal guardian. Simply type or print in 200 words or less, why this youngster deserves to win.

Include the name, home address, and phone number of both the nominator and the child. Photos, videos, or other supporting materials are encouraged.

Nominations must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2003.

Complete contest rules and nomination forms can be obtained from the American Humane web site at the address listed above or by calling 1-800-227-4645, ext. 436.

"Kids and pets have always had a special bond," said Todd Lachman, managing director of Del Monte Pet Products, maker of the contest sponsoring products. "We're proud to sponsor this year's celebration and hope these special kids inspire individuals of all ages to share their love and affection for our animal friends."

The 2003 Be Kind to Animals Kid Contest winners will be announced during American Humane "Be Kind to Animals Week," May 4-10. The special week is promoted nationally by American Humane.

Founded in 1877, American Humane is the nation's only national organization dedicated to both child and animal protection.

## Free MSU-E classes focus on building teen assets

The Crawford County MSU Extension Office is offering a series of classes on "Building Strong Adolescents." This is a new program, written by Michigan State University, which is based on Search Institute's Asset Development.

Parents, grandparents, guardians, and everyone who interacts with teens and pre-teens are encouraged to attend the adult session, exploring topics such as boundaries, consequences, encouragement, and support.

Teens and pre-teens will meet at the same time, focusing on increasing their personal assets.

## Lecture will cover rights of MS sufferers

Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation in Petoskey and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society are offering a lecture for people diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

Attorney Ina Cohen will discuss the rights and answer questions on legal issues for individuals with MS (Multiple Sclerosis) at the lecture scheduled for Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center, 360 Connable Avenue in Petoskey.

Admission to the lecture is \$5 payable at the door. Registration is required due to limited seating. Call HealthAccess at 1-800-248-6777 to reserve seats.

## Sign language workshop offered this weekend

Kirtland Community College is sponsoring its 16th annual American Sign Language Deaf Awareness workshop, March 22-23, at the MacMullan Conference Center on Higgins Lake.

Cost for the workshop is \$150, which includes lodging and four meals (\$75 Saturday only) and \$100 for the deaf and hard of hearing (\$35 Saturday only).

Add \$10 for registration at the door.

For more information, phone Kirtland ASL instructor Brenda Dawe at (989) 275-5000, ext. 419, or e-mail her at [daweb@kirtland.edu](mailto:daweb@kirtland.edu).

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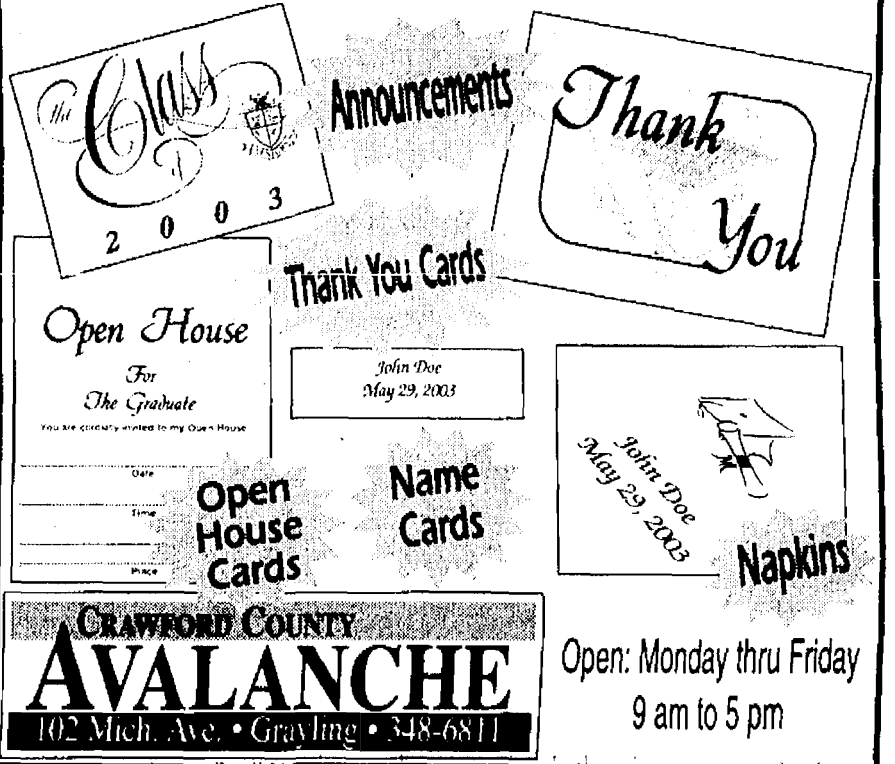
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(March 14) is Ann Doty of Grayling.  
**Grayling Rotary Pot of Gold**  
Pot of Gold winners for March are: \$100 - Marsha Hadden; \$50 - Dave Dubriwny; \$25 - Chris Ostwald.



# The Bible Speaks

## Freedom or Tyranny

The future of freedom in this world rests upon the will and action of two countries, Israel and America. Islamic terrorists have a saying, first we get the Saturday people, then we get the Sunday people. Jews worship on Saturday as their Sabbath and Christians worship on Sunday as their Lord's Day. As Israel goes, so goes America, and as America goes, so goes the world.

Liberals everywhere in the world believe Israel and America are inherently greedy and evil; therefore they blame us for most world problems. Most liberals have a mental problem facing objective truth. They believe orthodox Jews and Christians control the power and wealth of the world, therefore any war must be their fault, and never the fault of their enemies. Liberals believe envy and jealousy of us by the peoples of the world are justified because we refuse to share our power and wealth with them. Liberals side with the world against us because they have personal guilt feelings living with and being identified with Jews and Christians. They believe utopia will only arrive on earth when we have allowed global government to equally distribute all our power and wealth throughout the world.

Liberals challenge our unalienable right to liberty by pushing to control what we eat, wear, think, say, drive or generally do as citizens. They undermine our unalienable

right to life by pushing abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. They challenge our unalienable right to the pursuit of happiness by penalizing the fruits of our labors through government redistribution of wealth. PETA is now directly attacking white males as the primary cause of even animal suffering and abuse. In fact, liberals claim they can trace almost every problem we have back to dead white males.

Funny they can't credit any of these dead white males for some of our blessings? Michael Savage in his book, "The Savage Nation - Saving America from the Liberal Assault on Our Borders, Language, and Culture" reminds us of some inventions which bless us: "Trains, planes, cars, rockets, telescopes, tires, telephones, radios, television, electricity, atomic energy, computers, and fax machines. All miracles made possible by the minds and spirits of men with names like Ampere, Bell, Caselli, Edison, Ohm, Faraday, Einstein, Fleming, Cohen, Teller, Shockley, Hertz, Marconi, Morse, Popov, Ford, Volta, Michelin, Dunlop, Watt, Diesel, Galileo, and other dead white males."

Savage asked the same question about our national security: "Where would America's national defense be without the great Jewish minds of Einstein, Teller, and Cohen? Einstein, of course, gave us the Theory of Relativity; Edward Teller

gave us the H-bomb; and Sam Cohen gave us the neutron bomb."

God promised His people in Gen. 12:3: "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Our obedience to God's word assures us of His blessing in Gen 22:18: "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice." History gives proof God has made us free and blessed us abundantly. Pastor "B"

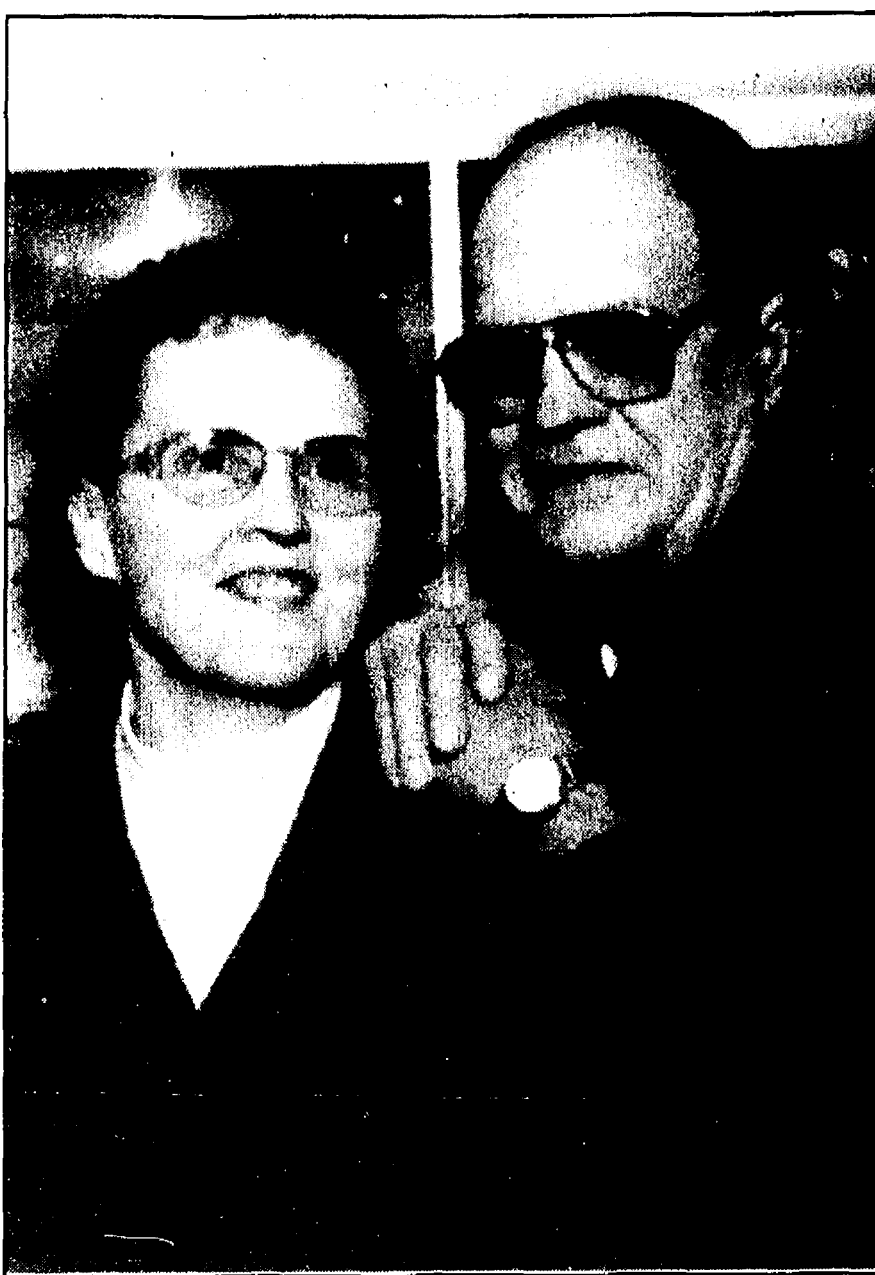
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## Baldwin, Pamarzynski to wed



Nancy Baldwin and Frank Pamarzynski

The families and friends of Nancy Baldwin wish to announce Nancy's engagement to Frank Pamarzynski. Nancy is the daughter of the late Robert and Beatrice Baldwin of Frederic. Frank is the son of the late Albert and Lottie Pamarzynski of Gaylord. A June wedding is being planned.

## Jazz octet to perform

As part of the Michigan State University Sesquicentennial Celebration, the college's Jazz Octet I will be performing at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Kirtland Community College in Roscommon on Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m.

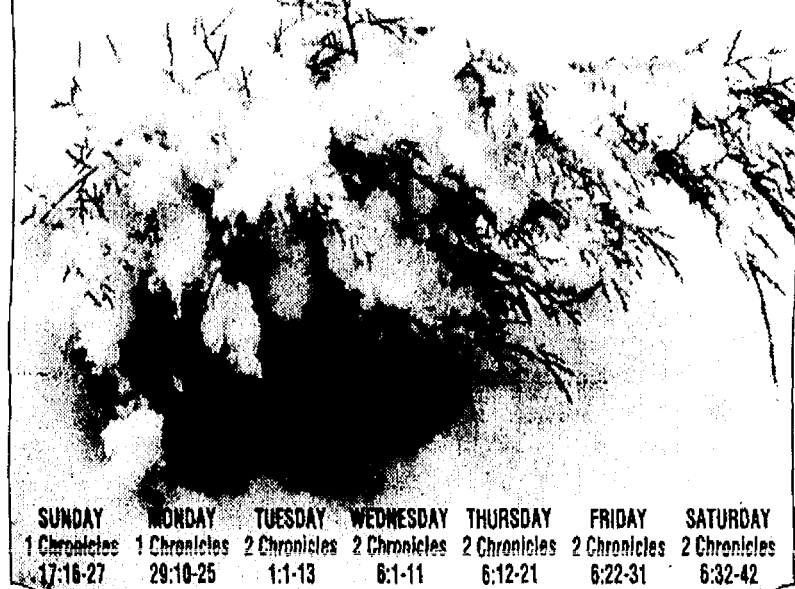
Adult/Senior tickets are priced at \$8 each and student tickets are priced at \$4 each and are available by calling the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 48 complaints during the period from March 9 - 16:

Two civil complaints, one breaking and entering, two larcenies, four assist other departments, four alarms, one suspicious situation, four disturbing the peace, 18 unclassified, one attempt to locate, four juveniles, four traffic accidents, one motorist assist and two traffic warnings.

## The Bounty Beneath the Blizzard



"Brrr...it is so cold!! I know that tomorrow is supposed to be the first day of spring, but I can hardly imagine anything green surviving under the icy remnants of this winter's snowstorms and blizzards."

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Do you every feel that life could not possibly hold any goodness for you...that you can't dig out from under your circumstances? Yet, the same God that brings spring from depths of winter can bring light and warmth to your life, no matter how hopeless you feel.

Visit God's House this Sabbath. Plant your seed of faith. Spring will come to your soul sooner than you think...and you will blossom.

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## Critics pan protection plan for Upper Manistee, Pine Rivers

by Corbin Sullivan  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- There's no debate over the need to protect Michigan's wild rivers. Instead the controversy lies in how strictly they are to be protected.

At the urging of local and statewide conservation groups, the Department of Natural Resources has started the process of resurrecting the 33-year-old Natural Rivers Act to protect stretches of the Upper Manistee and Pine rivers' watersheds.

Both rivers flow through the northern part of the Lower Peninsula, in Crawford, Antrim, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Osceola, Lake and Manistee counties.

Andy Guy, an organizer with the Michigan Land Use Institute in Beulah, said the rivers have been the subject of discussion for the past few years.

"The Pine and Upper Manistee are two of the last remaining wild and wooded rivers in the Lower Peninsula," Guy said. "They were chosen for the honor of Natural Rivers designation because of their superior water quality, rich fish and wildlife habitat, and increasingly unique natural beauty."

The primary opponents of the designation are property owners along the rivers. They don't dispute the need to protect these rivers, but they're protesting the specific conservation measures mandated under the Natural Rivers Act.

Jeff Kea, a leader of the opposition, said that designation under the Natural Rivers Act would be undemocratic. "The plan appears to be little more than a further erosion of property rights and a definite shift of local government control within the river district to a state agency," Kea owns property in the Frederic Township along the Upper Manistee north of Grayling.

The Natural Rivers Act was passed in 1970 as "a reaction to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act passed by the federal government," said Steve Sutton, the Michigan natural rivers program manager for the DNR.

"The federal legislation didn't really affect private property, so the state act gave greater authority to regulate public and private land."

Fourteen rivers covering 1,698 miles have been protected since 1970, but none have been added since 1988.

Sutton said the law doesn't take away private property rights and allows some shoreline development. It requires landowners to include valuable river protections — limited vegetation removal and septic regulations — in their plans for construction.

The other restriction is a construction setback from the shore of the designated rivers.

"There would be a development setback of 150 feet from the shore of the Upper Manistee, and possibly the Pine," Sutton said.

He emphasized the importance of the designation, not just for humans, but also for the environment:

"It's not just for aesthetic value. The most critical land in a watershed to protect is right at the water's edge. Most of the studies that we refer to talk about 100 feet being the magic number."

The shore setback raises the ire of local property owners such as Kea, and some in the Legislature.

"They lose the right to build up along the water, and that's what they oppose," Sutton said.

House Speaker Rick Johnson, R-Le Roy, is a strong part of the opposition, arguing mainly against infringement on property rights.

Johnson press secretary Matt Resch said, "Johnson supports the preservation of our state's natural rivers, but he believes property owners should be able to use that land in any way they see fit."

Resch cited Johnson's farming background and connection to the area as reasons for his concern. Johnson does not own land along either river under consideration.

More localized political action against the designation of the Pine and Upper Manistee has had an effect in area townships. Local property rights advocates have formed a group called Repair and Interest Versus Environmental Regulations, or RIVER, to raise awareness about the perceived threat to property rights.

In cooperation with RIVER and activists such as Kea, several townships including Grayling and Terry Wright said that area residents are not against keeping the rivers pristine and natural, but the Natural Rivers Act makes protection too costly and difficult.

"We are good stewards of the Natural Rivers Act in Grayling, with the AuSable River already being protected," Wright said, "But there are a couple of problems that make the designation of the Upper Manistee unreasonable."

Wright said he doesn't regard the Upper Manistee as "natural" in the sense that the act wants to protect it. "It's too developed already."

He stressed that the Natural Rivers Act, as written, is too restrictive. "It will be a nightmare for the township to enforce,"

Wright said. "People are already coming to the township weekly to break the rules for the AuSable."

The property restrictions would not only be too strict, but they would affect future uses of the river itself, according to Wright.

"People want to use the river, and I think they should be allowed to use it for any purpose. The more that can use it, the better for our economy."

DNR program director Sutton agrees that the regulations will affect future river use.

"Commercial watercraft will be regulated indirectly," Sutton said. "There's language in the plan that will not allow new canoe liveries or expansion of existing canoe liveries."

"It won't affect fishing or other uses."

Sutton blames hostility toward the DNR and state government for much of the opposition to the designation of the Pine and Upper Manistee.

"The DNR has a reputation in the northern part of the state where everybody fears our existence," Sutton said. "It wouldn't matter if I was handing them \$5 bills and asking them to support the Natural Rivers Act. They still wouldn't trust me."

Statements by adversaries of the designation confirm that the distrust of the DNR is a major factor. Kea called the DNR "an agency with little accountability," and contends the water protection laws already on the books provided enough protection. He wants any regulation to be left to the townships, not to the state.

"Municipalities, if they were to be provided with the same elusive science upon which the plan's zoning is based, could eas-

ily do likewise," Kea said.

Sutton countered that much of the regulation, after the Natural Rivers designation, would still be left to local government. "When the department designates, because these are such large resource issues, we give the responsibility over to the localities," Sutton said.

Over 1,000 miles of the currently designated rivers are managed locally, according to Sutton.

While opposition spreads among northern Lower Peninsula townships, plenty of support remains, Sutton said.

"The Pine River Water Coalition and the Upper Manistee River Association both support designation of the two rivers, and they are both property owner associations."

Some broader state organizations such as the Michigan Environmental Council also back the designation.

"We think the Natural Rivers Act is perfect for those two rivers," said Dave Dempsey, the council's policy advisor. "It's really basic conservation and it doesn't take away property at all. It just preserves the state's most scenic streams and rivers for future use and ecological value."

Both sides of the Natural Rivers Act controversy will get a chance to voice their opinions in a series of 12 hearings throughout the state during the last week in April and the first week in May. The hearings will be concentrated in the northern Lower Peninsula.

"We'll develop our standards with local input," Sutton said. "We're going to take comment, and see what kind of support we have."

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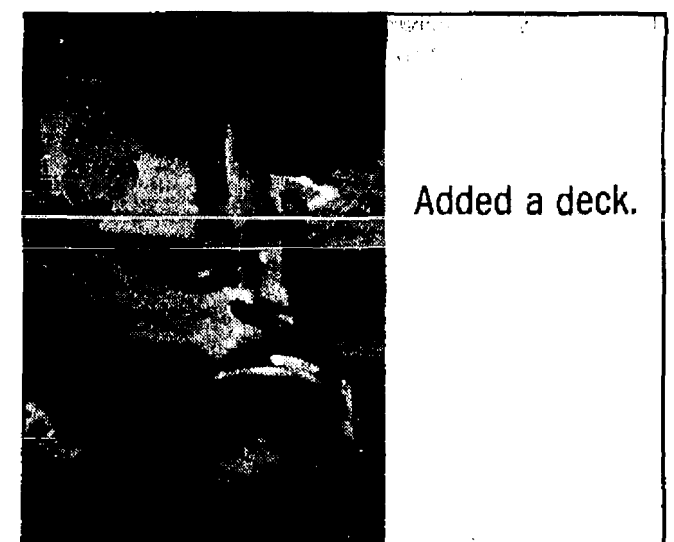
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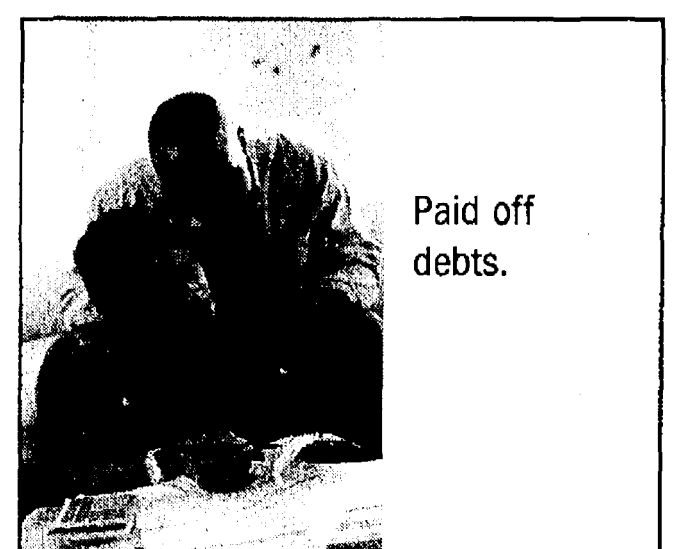
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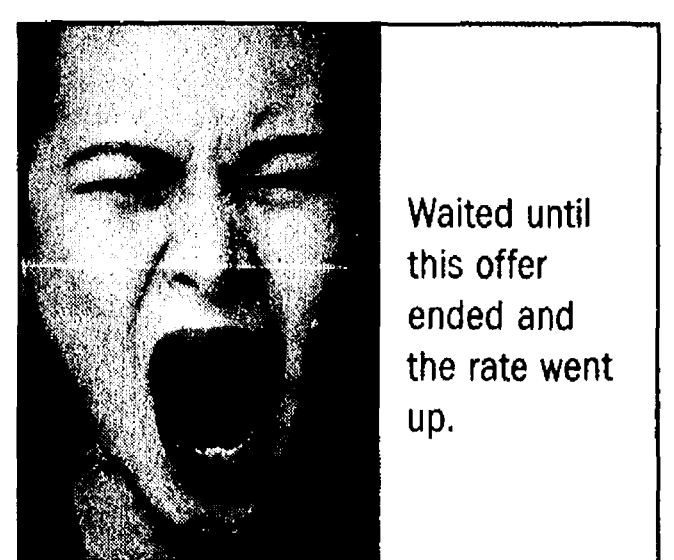
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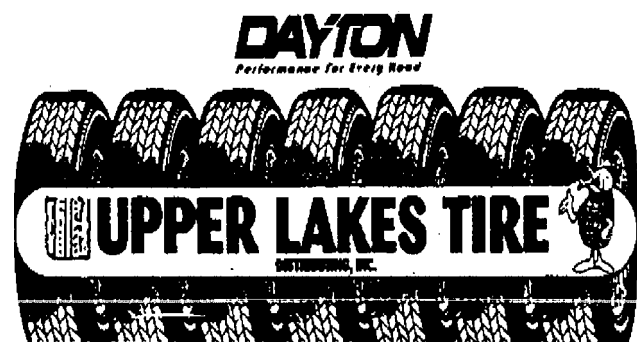
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## New orthopedic center opens in Grayling

Orthopedic surgeons Joseph Yacisen DO and Darius Divina DO are now serving patients at the AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center in Grayling.

The Center opened on March 3 and offers several types of orthopedic services for musculoskeletal conditions, including new minimally invasive arthroscopic surgery of shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, and ankle conditions.

Dr. Yacisen and Dr. Divina provide patients with top quality care of fractures, trauma management, arthritis treatment, ligamentous injuries, and sports medicine issues.

The AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center is located at 1250 East Michigan Avenue, Building D, in Grayling. The center includes exam rooms, a casting room, minor procedure room, and an x-ray room, featuring digital technology.

"We're very proud of our new facility and we look forward to caring for our patients in this new environment," said Dr. Yacisen.

Drs. Divina and Yacisen are on staff at Mercy Hospital Grayling and will be conducting orthopedic surgery there. They will also continue to see patients at Mercy Community Health Center in



Daniel Bertalan, second from right, was the first patient treated at the AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center when it opened March 3. Caring for him were, from left, Technician Joe Rasmussen, Dr. Joseph Yacisen, and Dr. Darius Divina.

Prudenville.

Dr. Divina is a graduate of Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in

Pontiac. Dr. Yacisen is a graduate of Nova-Southeastern University in Davies, Florida and completed his internship and residency in orthopedic surgery at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Flint, and Fellowship in

orthopedic sports medicine at New England Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

Drs. Yacisen and Divina are accepting new patients. For an appointment, call (989) 344-BONE (2663).

## GNC to participate in quality initiative project

Grayling Nursing Centre (GNC) has been selected to participate in the Michigan Intensive Group of the national Nursing Home Quality Initiative (NHQI). The project is supported by the federal Centers for Medicare &

Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Michigan Peer Review Organization (MPRO), Michigan's Medicare quality improvement organization.

GNC will join 79 other nursing homes in working on this initiative. During the next two years, the two groups will participate in quality improvement activities and interventions and will share the best practices with other nursing homes throughout Michigan.

Marilyn Heard, the Executive Director states that "we are excited to be a part of this initiative. Our goal at Grayling Nursing Centre is to provide excellent care to our residents and this program will only enhance our abilities as we work with other facilities in this group. We are committed to this quality improvement initiative."

The NHQI focuses on 10 quality measures, selected by CMS,

as significant indicators of a facility's overall quality of care. The Intensive Group will focus on improving three measures: percentage of long-term residents with pain; percentage of short-stay residents with pain; and percentage of long-term residents with pressure sores.

"While we will focus on improving these three measures, our overall goal is to improve the quality of care in all Michigan nursing homes," said Renee Beniak, MPRO Nursing Home Team leader. "We will support both the intensive and the assured learning groups by providing quality improvement tools, technical assistance, and facilitate collaboration and the sharing of best clinical practices within these groups."

CMS provides information on these quality measures for every Medicare and Medicaid certified

nursing home in the United States. This information is available on the Medicare website, [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). (Select Nursing Home Compare), or from its toll-free help line, 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

## HOMETOWN NEWS

Brandi McClain has pledged Phi Alpha Delta, a pre-law co-ed fraternity. Approximately 100 University of Michigan pre-law students rushed Phi Alpha Delta. The fraternity accepted 25 students based on their leadership skills, honors, and professionalism. McClain, a junior, is a pre-law student at the University of Michigan majoring in English and Spanish.

Brandi is the daughter of Dave and Gayle McClain.

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# Service tax idea sparks much criticism

by Sarah McEvilly  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- The state budget crisis has some government agencies looking for ways to increase revenue. One controversial option: tax services from haircuts to dental exams to newspaper ads.

Currently, visits to hair salons and medical offices are not taxed, but in the context of hard times, there are quiet discussions underway about lowering the sales tax on products from 6 percent to 5 percent and adding a 1-percent tax on some of these services. Other services that could potentially be taxed include attorney fees, advertising and entertainment.

"We are no longer a manufacturing-based economy," said Margaret Trimer-Hartley, the director of communications at the Michigan Education Association (MEA). "We have moved into a service and information-based economy."

The MEA helped organize a group dubbed by the media as the Red Cedar Coalition, whose goal is to look at potential sources of revenue to close the budget gap. The coalition, which includes education groups and lawmakers, supports the idea of a service tax.

"We're bringing everything to the table to discuss," said Lu Battaglieri, president of the MEA. "Taxes really equate to the quality of life."

The state school aid fund depends on the sales tax, Trimer-Hartley said. A service tax would bring in additional revenue.

Battaglieri said funding education with the sales tax as Michigan does is "the dumbest thing the state could do" because sales tax is not deductible at the federal level when individuals itemize their deduction. In contrast, local property taxes and

state income taxes are deductible.

The MEA is still debating the concept, and although it's part of the coalition, it hasn't committed itself to the idea.

"We're not doing a whole lot to push this right now," Trimer-Hartley said. "We haven't settled on it as a solution and are still weighing our options. 'We're nowhere near the end of this,' Trimer-Hartley said. "It's a great concept to bat around, though."

So far, it sounds like a good idea to proponents, but not everyone agrees. Education may benefit from the tax, but critics say other government programs will not.

Eric Rule, the director of governmental affairs at the Michigan Retailers Association, said a service tax would hurt businesses in the retail sector because "it increases costs to consumers that they don't owe."

The association is opposed to the tax.

Unlike education, the retail sector wouldn't see any additional revenue from the tax. Rule said it might even have a reverse effect and decrease revenue for retailers.

"Anytime you increase costs to a consumer, it has a possibility to decrease sales," he said. "It will be a tax burden on the consumer."

Rule said a service tax could bring in \$8 billion in extra revenue, but "that would all come out of the taxpayers' pockets."

If the concept ever makes it to the Legislature, Rule said he doesn't see the proposal getting passed.

Another group opposing the tax is the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. Mike LaFaive, its director of fiscal policy, said the tax would cause consumers to have less money to spend for their own needs. "Individuals

know what's best for themselves more than the state does."

The Midland-based center is a free market-oriented think tank.

LaFaive said small businesses would be hurt most by the tax because they outsource for services such as janitorial services and office repair. If these services are taxed, LaFaive said small businesses might not have the money to pay for it.

Simple trips to the hair salon may cost more under the tax.

Kate Grabowski, manager and owner of All That Jazz Salon in Traverse City, said the idea is horrible. "We don't need any more taxes."

Marna Cleft, owner of the 14th Street Salon in Traverse City, agrees: "Changes are hard. They should just keep the way it is."

Even going to the doctor or dentist could be affected by the tax. Dr. Ken Musson, immediate past president of the Michigan State Medical Society, said putting a tax on medical services might cause people to visit their doctors less frequently.

Musson, an ophthalmologist in Traverse City, called the tax "inappropriate for medical services."

"I can't believe there would be an upside to that tax," he said. "It's an essential service, not a luxury. It will be unwise to tax it."

Musson said the public will probably have a problem with the tax.

"Anytime something costs more, people are going to decrease using it. It definitely influences choice."

The Michigan State Medical Association has not taken an official stance on the issue. Musson said if the tax gets formally proposed in the Legislature, the association's board would look at it and make a decision.

Lisa McGraw, the public

affairs manager at the Michigan Press Association, said there has been concern about putting a tax on advertising. Her association, which represents daily and weekly newspapers, is also opposed to the tax.

McGraw said there is too fine of a line as to what constitutes as advertising. "There are ads in newspapers and magazines, but would a company logo on a business card also count?" she said. "How far do you go with it?"

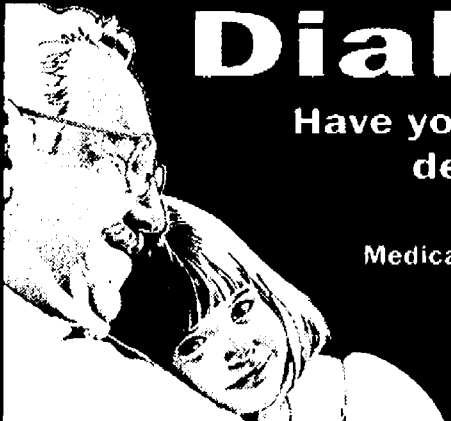
With an advertising tax, McGraw said some companies might be discouraged to advertise now.

"If you can't advertise, goods won't be sold," McGraw said. "This will end up hurting the economy."

Michigan isn't the only state looking at a service tax. California, Utah, Florida, Minnesota and Ohio have looked into the possibility or tried the tax. When Florida implemented it, the state collected only 65 percent of the revenue it thought it would, and repealed the tax a few years later.

*Editor's note: Crawford County Avalanche Staff Writer Cheryll Ruley recently spoke with 106th District State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) regarding the service tax issue. He advised that the state legislature is sticking with Governor Jennifer Granholm's policy of "no new taxes" even though the state budget has undergone cuts for 2003 and 2004.*

*Rep. Gillard said he does not foresee a change in that policy and agrees that, especially when it comes to advertising, it would be very difficult to determine how to apply such a tax. "This sort of tax is not even on the table and wouldn't be my first choice to accomplish funding for schools," Gillard said.*



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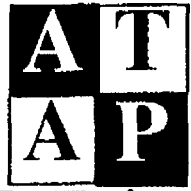


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Previously, veterans who applied for plates commemorating a specific military conflict would receive the appropriate decals to affix to the generic

plates. The new process addresses concerns that have been raised regarding the decals' appearance and durability.

"Specialty plates are a great way for Michigan veterans to show their pride," Secretary Land said. "Men and women who have earned the right to display these plates deserve a quality product. The Department of State is always looking for ways to better serve its customers. I appreciate the feedback we have received from veterans and am gratified that the state is able to respond with such an innovative

solution."

In addition to improving the product, the "just in time" process reduces costs by manufacturing plates after they have been sold, rather than forcing the state to maintain an inventory for each type of plate.

Veterans who currently have a veterans license plate and wish to obtain the new style can apply for a replacement at their local branch office. There is a \$5 replacement fee.

The new plates are available in both the "blue bar" and "Great Lakes Splendor" styles.

Legislation authorizing the sale of veterans plates to commemorate any war or conflict involving the United States was passed in 1989. Michigan currently has 58,876 veterans plates registered.

To learn about other products and services, visit the Department's web site at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

## LIBRARY News

### Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library

The following books were donated in February as memorials: From Cornell Agency Inc. for Cindy Calkins *The Deep* and *Swan In Love*, for Frances Fick *Cats of Myth and Unknown*, for Dan Schrock *Papa's Song* and *Warrior Artists*, for Robert McCall *Uniforms of the Civil War*, for Roy Lovely *The Second World War*, for Lyle Johnson *The Man Who Found The Missing Link*. For Merle Carlson from Hobby Gals and Friends *Frommer's Honolulu, Waikiki, Oahu, Fireboat, Like A Windy Day*. For Pearl Jacques from Don and Joann Ferguson and Patty Hawkins and Family *Quilting and Color Made Easy* and *Creative Quilting With Kids*, and from Bill and Sharon Klinger *Katie Brown Decorates*, and *The Planets*. For John Godbey from Ron and Cindy Herron *Golf and Frommer's Alaska 2003*. For Cindy Calkins from Mr. and Mrs. John Mrohs *The Well-Designed Mixed Garden*. For Lois Southwell from Muriel Leng *Paris 1919, Wagons West, Atlanta and the Arcadian Beast, Top-Secret Personal Beeswas, A Journal* by Junie B. Jones.

## THE POWER SPOT

News from Grayling Elementary & AuSable Primary Schools



March 28 - No School  
Spring Break begins!  
April 8 - School resumes

The AuSable Primary (AP), Grayling Elementary (GES) and Frederic Elementary Schools (FES) are working together to help make the transition between schools easier for the young students.

A "Transition Team" has been formed to ease the transition for next year when Frederic Elementary students come to GES and the AP. The team held its first meeting on February 28 and some very creative ideas are being worked on.

On March 4, Frederic students

in kindergarten, first and second grades joined the AP students at a "Bunyan and Banjoes" assembly. Kitty Donahoe shared music and stories about the early pioneer days of Michigan. GES students were also treated to the assembly later that day.

On March 7, Mrs. Kami Boik's second grade class received a special treat when Mr. Enos visited and made a homemade breakfast of pancakes, sausage and juice for the class.

Mrs. Lori Fox's and Mrs. Suzanne Williams' 2/3 multi-age class walked over to the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. They received a tour, listened to a story and checked out animal books for their reports they are working on back in the classroom.

The same classes are working in groups to build model communities in Social Studies. Models include roads, buildings, map key and other characteristics of a community. The students hope to display the models at the library once they are completed.

Ms. Karla Goetz's kindergarten classes are celebrating

March Reading Month by reading as many books as they can about American pioneers.

Mrs. Lori Patterson and Mrs. Kathee Sheldon have challenged their first graders to see how many students can read a total of 30 books for the month of May. Incentives are offered along the way, such as bookmarks, Pizza Hut certificates, special pencils, stickers and more.

During the week of March 10, all third graders at GES took the Terra Nova assessment.

The Acting Up Theatre is working with the fourth graders during the week of March 17 to create an amusing and informative play on the topic of economics. The play will be performed on Friday, March 21 at 2 p.m.

As required by law, Julie Dunckley and Clyde Holzbauer are teaching the GES students about HIV and AIDS at age appropriate levels. The fourth and fifth grade students are also being presented with lessons that focus on maturing bodies. All health curriculum sessions are being taught in separate settings for boys and girls.

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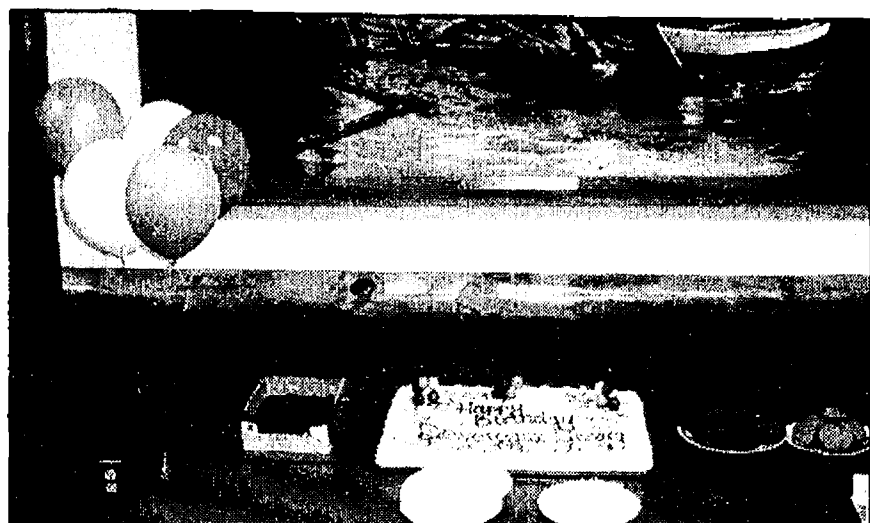
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## Library celebrates first birthday



Everyone who visited the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library on Saturday, March 15 were treated to cake, punch, and balloons in celebration of the library's first birthday. The weather was spectacular. The cake and extra cookies were donated for the event by the Friends of the Crawford County Libraries.

## Advice offered on how to talk to kids about war

► KidsPeace offers tips to parents, hope and help to our children

To help parents and America's kids deal with children's uncertainty and fears following September 11, and the current environment of possible war and terrorist reprisals, the national children's crisis charity KidsPeace has compiled tips for talking to children. They also offer a web site to help youngsters work through their fears.

KidsPeace president C.T. O'Donnell II and the clinical experts at more than 50 centers across the country suggest that America's parents do the following:

Listen to children. Allow them to express their concerns and fears.

Regardless of age, the most important issue is to reassure children of safety and security. Tell children that you, their schools, their friends and their communities are all focused on their safety and they will be protected by those around them. Have discussions about those dedicated to protecting us all like police, fire fighters, etc.

When discussing the events with younger children, the amount of information shared should be limited to some basic facts. Use words meaningful to them (not words like terrorist, retribution, etc.). Share with them that some bad people have used violence to hurt innocent people in the United States. Discuss that we don't know exactly by whom or why this was done, but violence has occurred. Do not go into specific details.

School-aged children will ask, "Can bad things happen here, or to me?" Do not lie to children. Share that it is highly unlikely that anything like this will happen to them or in their community. Then reiterate how safe and protected they are by all those around them.

Parents, caregivers and teachers should be cautious of permitting young children to watch or listen to news about carnage. It is too difficult for most of them to process. Personal discussions are the best way to share information with this group.

Also, plan to discuss this many times over the coming weeks. Ongoing reassurance is critical to children.

When discussing the events with preteens and teens, more detail is appropriate, and many will already have seen news broadcasts. Do not let them focus too much on graphic details. Rather, elicit their feelings and concerns and focus your discussions on what they share with you. Be careful of how much media they are exposed to. Talk directly with them about the tragedy and answer their questions truthfully.

Although this group is more mature, do not forget to reassure them of their safety and your efforts to protect them. Regardless of age, kids must hear

this message.

Be on the lookout for physical symptoms of anxiety that children may demonstrate. They may be a sign that a child, although not directly discussing the tragedy, is very troubled by today's events.

Talk more directly to children who exhibit these signs: headaches, stomach aches, back aches, trouble sleeping or eating, nightmares, withdrawal, excessive worry, increased arguing, irritability, loss of concentration, refusal to go to school, clinging behavior.

Parents and caregivers should often reassure children that they are loved. During tragedies like these, words expressing love combined with deeds demonstrating love (for example, walks in the park or attending a community sporting event) can provide the most comfort to children and teens.

If you are concerned about your children and their reaction to this or any tragedy, talk directly with their school counselor, family doctor, or have your older children visit KidsPeace's teen-help Internet web site,

www.TeenCentral.net, which provides anonymous and clinically-screened help and resources for teen problems before they become overwhelming.

KidsPeace is a 120-year-old charity dedicated to giving hope, help and healing to thousands of children daily facing crises, including traumas, depression, and the stresses of modern life. For more information, visit [www.kidspeace.org](http://www.kidspeace.org). Older children and teens can find help at [www.TeenCentral.net](http://www.TeenCentral.net).

Courtesy of ARA Content

## Elsner wins top award in library article contest

The Public Library Association announced Edward Elsner, Director of the Crawford County Library system, is the 2002 first place winner of its annual article contest.

The contest awards cash prizes to the authors of the best feature articles by public librarians published in the previous year's issues of *Public Libraries*.

Elsner earned the first prize award of \$500 for his article "The Evolution of PLA's Planning Model" which

appeared in the July/August 2002 issue of *Public Libraries*.

Second prize of \$300 went to Robin Bryan, Brarydog Coordinator at the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County for her article, "Brarydog.net: A Homework Assistance Portal for Students" published in the March/April 2002 issue.

Winners of the contest are selected by the members of the Public Libraries Advisory Committee. The prizes will be awarded at the upcoming ALA Annual Conference in Toronto.

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**Motto:** Good Health Starts Here.

**About Us:** Otsego Memorial Hospital has continued to grow and pursue excellence with its community. With 87 beds, OMH medical staff serves 1,800 in-patients each year and more than 45,000 out-patients. The hospital employs more than 400 people, 90 of which are medical staff. The Hospital main switchboard can be reached at (989) 731-2100.



### OTSEGO MEMORIAL MEDCARE WALK-IN CLINIC

**Founded:** 1992

**Principle Activity:** Treating minor injuries and illnesses.

**A service of:** Otsego Memorial Hospital

**About Us:** Between 30 and 50 patients are seen each day at Otsego Memorial Hospital's MedCare Walk-In Clinic. Located at 1996 Walden Drive, off Old 27 South, the clinic is staffed with medical personnel to see patients who need immediate attention. No appointment is necessary. The MedCare Walk-In Clinic can be reached at (989) 731-4111.



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**Founded:** 2003

**Principle Activity:** Toll-free telephone call to get answers to health-related questions.

**A service of:** Otsego Memorial Hospital

**About Us:** Otsego Memorial Health Resource provides area residents will toll-free access to an experienced registered nurse who is available to answer health-related questions 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This service is also designed to direct callers to the appropriate level of service, such as a physician office, emergency room or MedCare Walk-In Clinic. Call 1-866-OMH HEALTH or 1-866-4325.

### OTSEGO MEMORIAL McREYNOLDS HALL

**Founded:** 1964

**Principle Activity:** Restoring health and encouraging independence by providing short term rehabilitation and long term care.

**A service of:** Otsego Memorial Hospital

**About Us:** An extended care facility, McReynolds Hall is licensed for 34 beds and is designed to provide an array of services to the people and families of Otsego and surrounding counties. McReynolds Hall is at 825 N. Center Ave. behind the Hospital. McReynolds Hall can be reached at (989) 731-2131.





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by Nova Anderson

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March:  
19 - Pot Roast/Beef Chop Suey; Hearing Clinic by Appointment; Exercise and Line Dancing, 10 and 11 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Guys at 12 noon; Crafts at 1 p.m.; Computer Class at 3:30 p.m. and Burger King Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

20 - Spaghetti and Meatballs/Meatloaf; Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Adult Ed Class at 1 p.m.; Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

21 - Chicken Dumplings/No Dinner; Lovells Satellite at 12 noon; Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy both at 1 p.m.

24 - Breaded Fish/Italian Round Steak; Stag Guys at 12 noon; Bridge at 1 p.m. and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

25 - Liver and Onions/Roast Chicken; Housing Tenant Council Meeting at 10 a.m.; Euchre at 1 p.m.; Movie Night (For Richer or Poorer) at 5:30 p.m.

26 - Roast Beef/Connecticut Ham; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 and 11 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Guys at 12 noon; Crafts at 1 p.m.; Computer Class at 3:30 p.m.; Medicine Shoppe Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Coming up...Health Fair at St. Mary's Catholic Church on May 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Remember our Loan Closet. If you need a walker, cane, wheelchair, etc., give us a call.

## Packard, Zigila engaged



Tinelle Packard and Tim Zigila

Tinelle Packard and Tim Zigila are engaged to be married August 16, 2003. The bride-elect is the daughter of Richard and Averill Packard of Midland. The prospective groom is the son of Albin and Jean Zigila of Frederic. The bride-elect, a graduate of H.H. Dow High School and Central Michigan University, is a teacher with the Crawford AuSable School District. The prospective groom, a graduate of Grayling High School, is the president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during March 19 - 25, is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: March 19 - 20, March 25.

Small arms ranges located West of Lake Margrethe, North of Howe Road, East of the gas pipeline and South of Portage Creek on March 24 - 26.

Heavy weapons range firing is

scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, the Post Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 71 complaints the week of March 10-16:

One EMS response, three traffic accidents, one non-traffic accident, two traffic policing, one accident - all other, two motor vehicle inspections, three civil matter disputes - family trouble, seven suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 17 general non-criminal, one valid alarm, one false alarm activation, one burglary/home invasion, four larceny, one motor vehicle as stolen property, five fraudulent activities, two damage to property, three drug/narcotic violations, five public peace/disorderly, one hit and run accident, one OUIL third offense, three health and safety, one invasion of privacy/wiretap, one conservation, two miscellaneous criminal offense, one driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended), etc.

For more information, log on to: [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## OBITUARIES

Arnold Mauren

Aug. 24, 1914-March 13, 2003

Arnold Mauren, age 88, of Grayling died March 13 at Mercy Manor, Grayling. Mr. Mauren was born on August 24, 1914 in Pontiac, to John and Catherine (Schmidt) Mauren.

Mr. Mauren was married to Bernice Socia on April 26, 1941 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in River Rouge.

Mr. Mauren joined the United States Navy in 1942 and worked in naval aviation out of Corpus Christi, Texas, until his discharge in 1945.

The Mauren family moved to the Grayling area in 1953 where Arnold and his brother-in-law, Forest Reichelderfer, opened and managed the "Big Wheel" Sunoco Station, south of Grayling at the intersection of Highways 27 and 76. In 1960, Mr. Mauren became manager of Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel in downtown Grayling and held that position for 22 years until his retirement in 1988.

Known to everyone as "Arnie," Mr. Mauren was an active member of the business and civic community contributing his energies to the Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, Grayling Boosters Club, Grayling Country Club and the Grayling Winter Sports Carnival Committee. In addition, he was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his daughters, Pamela Bartelli of Vulcan and Karon Stewart of Moxee, WA; his son, Paul Mauren of Albany, NY; his nephew, Frederic Reichelderfer of Grayling; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial Mass and celebration of his life is planned for June 7, 2003 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, beginning at 11 a.m. Visitation will be on June 7, from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

J.R. "Jack" Lippert

March 11, 2003

J.R. "Jack" Lippert, Colonel, Retired Army National Guard and former Camp Grayling Commander, died March 11, 2003.

A memorial service will be held on March 29 at 2 p.m. at Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home, 900 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI (517-482-1533).

Arrangements by Gorsline-Runciman Company Funeral Home, Lansing.

Michael S. Lay

Oct. 19, 1960 - March 5, 2003

Michael S. Lay, age 42, of Cheboygan died Wednesday, March 5.

Funeral services were held at Walsh Funeral Home on March 8. Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

## In Memory of

Jack Alef

It has been three years since God chose you to be with Him.

The sorrow we still feel of missing you, the deep love and respect we still feel for you will never diminish.

Although we know that even though we cannot see you, hug you, or kiss you, that you are watching over us all of the time.

We know that we can speak to you through prayer and that you are still with us through God.

With all of our deepest love,

Your Wife, Gloria

Your Daughter, Mary

Your Grandson and

Best Buddy, Anthony

## HONORS

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Matthew Cragg, of Grayling, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA for the term.



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The American Red Cross has been a leader in the health education field for decades. And countless lives have been saved as a result. Last year 126 Crawford County residents were certified in various Red Cross courses. One of our local first aid/CPR/AED instructors is Bruce McGuire. "Instructing others in CPR skills is a passion for me," states Bruce. "I worked as a respiratory therapist and director of cardio/pulmonary department at Mercy Hospital, and saw what CPR could do. I would love to see every person learn how to do CPR." The knowledge of the first person on the scene is critical. If that person knows CPR, survival chances significantly improve for the victim. "Taking a few hours to take a class is clearly worth the time invested," stresses McGuire.

New this year, Mercy Hospital is now offering Red Cross first aid and CPR classes on the second Wednesday each month. "We are pleased to make it convenient for local residents to become Red Cross certified," explained Kay Petrie, Mercy Hospital Education Director. "Just register by calling our education department at 348-5461."

Jessie Gordon is another long-time Crawford County Red Cross instructor, teaching aquatic courses for 33 years. "For every child that I can make safe in the water, that is one less potential drowning," stated Jessie. She works with children as young as age three. On average, Jessie trains 125 children annually from Crawford and Roscommon Counties.



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## Skyline hosts Big Air & Trick contest

**O**n a cold, snowy Saturday afternoon (March 8), several area young people showed off their skiing and snowboarding talents at Skyline Ski & Country Club's Big Air Trick Contest.

Both skiers and snowboarders took to the slopes and snow ramps at Skyline to compete in separate contests. Scores were determined by a panel of judges.

The top three finishers in the skiing event were: 1st - Wade McGregor, 2nd - Kyle Trudgeon, 3rd - Paul Brown. (The battle for second and third place had to be decided with a tiebreaker round.)

The winners of the snowboarding contest were: 1st - Karl Petersen, 2nd - Bob Hagle, 3rd - Eric Jurkovich. (Photos by Caleb Casey)





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## Youth soccer programs merge

### ► Crawford AuSable Soccer Organization now taking sign-ups

Grayling Soccer Club – formerly affiliated with American Youth Soccer Organization – and Grayling Recreation Authority have combined their respective youth soccer programs to form the Crawford AuSable Soccer Association (CASA), which is affiliated with the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA).

CASA is now forming travel teams and a recreation league. Age groups include:

- (Recreation Level) U-6

(Under age 6 as of August 1, 2002); U-8 (Under age 8 as of August 1, 2002); U-10 (Under age 10 as of August 1, 2002); U-12 (Under age 12 as of August 1, 2002); U-14 (Under age 14 as of August 1, 2002); U-16 (Under age 16 as of August 1, 2002);

- (Travel Level) U-12 (Under age 12 as of August 1, 2002); U-14 (Under age 14 as of August 1, 2002); U-16 Girls.

Formation of teams will depend on the numbers of registrants.

CASA started its sign-up period with a Registration Kick-Off and Informational meeting on Tuesday, March 18. Regular registration will end on March 28. Late registration runs from March 28 to April 10.

All registration forms must be received by April 10, 2003 or your child will NOT be able to play.

Registration fees are \$25 (\$75 maximum per family) until March 28, and \$35 (\$105 maximum per family) after March 28.

To sign up, pick up a registration form from the City of Grayling Office or the Medicine Shoppe. Drop off completed forms, with payment and copy of player's birth certificate, to either location.

To make sign-up arrangements by phone, call Becky Kerle, League Registrar, at (989) 348-2752.

Games will start in May and end in June. They will be played at the Hanson Hills Soccer

Fields.

Jerseys will be provided by the league (to be turned back in at the end of the season or you will be charged for a replacement). Players will need to have coordinating shorts (no zippers or snaps allowed) and purchase coordinating soccer socks.

Shin guards are required to play and soccer cleats are not mandatory.

On April 10, CASA will host a Parents Meeting (mandatory for those that did not attend the registration kick-off on March 18) at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Elementary School gym.

On April 15, a Coaches Meeting/Training event will be held at the GES gym from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

## Little League sign-up to begin

### ► Registration Night on March 25 to help kick off sign-up period

Grayling Little League will be registering players for all baseball divisions (ages 7-14) and girls softball (ages 7-16) at its 2nd Annual Player Registration Night to be held on Tuesday, March 25, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

This year, Grayling Little League hopes to develop its softball league with more girls, more teams, and more divisions, league officials said.

Yvonne Schreiber and Stacie

Rosin-Gay, league co-VPs, are working to improve the softball program. "We hope to get enough girls registered to have teams in four divisions – Minor (ages 7-9), Major (ages 10-12), Junior (ages 13-14) and Senior (15-16). If we don't have enough girls for four divisions we will divide the girls into teams by age. We hope that by breaking the program into age divisions we will encourage more young ladies to come out and learn the sport," they said.

Little League softball players and baseball players can sign up for the 2003 season at Player Registration Night.

Registration fees include a \$25 league fee (family maximum is

\$50) and a \$20 Home Run Card fundraising fee. The \$20 Home Run Card fee purchases two Home Run Cards (family maximum is four cards) and players can either sell the cards for \$10 each to re-coup the fundraising fee or keep the cards for their own use. The cards offer the special deals at area businesses.

"The Home Run Cards are a popular commodity in the community and are not difficult to sell," league officials said. "Last year, Grayling Little League sold out of the cards early in the season."

"The popularity of the Home Run Cards is a direct response to the great offers our local businesses provide for the cards.

Holders of the cards can use them to receive discounts, two for one pricing, or freebies at many local businesses," said Rich Alexander, League President.

For every two cards that a player sells, their name will be entered into a special drawing for baseball-related prizes. The more cards they sell, the more chances to win.

Each player that registers at the March 25 sign-up event will be eligible to win valuable door prizes. Players must bring a photocopy of their birth certificate and all fees. Players who cannot attend Registration Night may sign up at Sylvester's through April 11.

## GRA wrestlers qualify for State Finals

Over 20 Grayling Recreation Authority wrestlers qualified for the State Finals (to be held at Northwood University on March

22) by placing in the top four at Sunday's Western Regional Tournament at Pine River High School.

Placements for Grayling at Pine River included: 1st – Jon

Petrie, Matt Townsend, Cody Malone, Jeff Bancroft, Corey Metzger, Jeff Woolsey, Josh Partello, Mykel Revord; 2nd – Joey Schwartz, Zach Wolcott, Austin Harris, Ben Brown,

Daniel CdeBaca, Eric Madill; 3rd – Zak Mack, Daniel Duvall, Stephen Grove; 4th – Kyle Schmidt, Ty Jensen, Luke Schneider, Corey Shear, Shane Grove.

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High Series Men: D. Wallace, 600; C. Hanson, 558; J. Mehal, 518.

High Game Men: C. Hanson, 235; D. Wallace, 218; J. Mehal, 203.

High Series Women: S. Johnson,

529; M. Moshier, 524; D. Medina, 515.

High Game Women: M. Moshier, 236; S. Johnson, 197; S. France, 192.

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GADCO . . . . . 07 - 00

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High Series: T. Devins, 673; T. Kotrash, 668; J. Thayer, 652.

High Game: J. Thayer, 254; T. Devins, 244; J. Helsel, 236.

**Pioneer League**

South Side River Rats . . . . . 33 - 15

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Hawk Ridge Golf . . . . . 24.5 - 23.5

The Ice House . . . . . 22.5 - 25.5

Custom Interior . . . . . 19 - 29

Chemical Bank . . . . . 17 - 31

McDonald's of Grayling . . . . . 13 - 35

High Series: C. Jones, 544; J. Coors, 531; B. Nielson, 513; S. Goss, 511.

High Game: J. Coors, 217; S. France, 202; D. Calkins, 196; C. Jones, 188.

**Recreation**

Gale Enterprises . . . . . 31 - 17

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Hawk Ridge Golf . . . . . 23 - 25

Glens' Market . . . . . 20 - 28

Coldwell Bankers . . . . . 15 - 33

High Series: K. Moshier, 514; P. D'Amour, 513; S. Hamey, 511; L. Dellar, 507.

High Game: P. D'Amour, 187; K. Moshier, 187; S. Hamey, 180; L. Dellar, 178; P. Prause, 178; W. Sheldon, 177; D. Lobsinger, 177.

**Senior Bowling**

Grayling Pharmacy . . . . . 69.5 - 30.5

Spike's Keg O' Nails . . . . . 52 - 48

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Gray Rock . . . . . 47 - 53

Sylvester's Sports . . . . . 45.5 - 54.5

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High Series Men: K. Harris,

586; L. Essiambre, 558; G. Wolfe, 558.

High Game Men: K. Harris, 214; L. Essiambre, 200; G. Wolfe, 200.

High Series Women: M. Rysso, 529; P. Harris, 487; D. Hollis, 464.

High Game Women: M. Rysso, 201; P. Harris, 190; D. Hollis, 170.

**Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles**

D.X.R. Computers . . . . . 62 - 29

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Spark's . . . . . 54 - 37

Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . . . 47 - 44

Little Tyke Day Care . . . . . 44 - 47

North Pure Ice . . . . . 26 - 55

Shady Acres . . . . . 32 - 59

Calkin's Excavating . . . . . 28 - 63

High Series Men: J. Babbitt, 560; P. Lewis, 543; J. Helsel, 541.

High Game Men: D. Kirchoff, 225; S. Haight, 219; J. Helsel, 211.

High Series Women: S. Romain, 564; S. France, 484; G. Helsel, 475.

High Game Women: S. Romain, 204; G. Helsel, 185; E. Helsel, 181; S. France, 181.

**National First**

AuSable Construction . . . . . 54 - 23

Denholm Chiropractic . . . . . 44 - 33

Corky's Karaoke . . . . . 42 - 35

Faustman's Insurance . . . . . 38 - 39

Scott Pittman Builders . . . . . 35 - 42

Legion Lanes . . . . . 33 - 44

Northern White Tail . . . . . 32 - 45

Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . . . 30 - 47

High Series: M. Barr, 608; J. Helsel, 602; C. Golnick, 592.

High Game: J. Helsel, 267; P. Miller, 223; T. Devins, 222; T. Sowinski, 222.

**Northwood**

Lucky & Laura's . . . . . 30.5 - 17.5

North MI Financial . . . . . 29 - 19

Hometown Furniture . . . . . 25.5 - 22.5

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Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . . . 24 - 24

Grayling Chiropractic . . . . . 22 - 26

Beckett Contracting . . . . . 20.5 - 27.5

Calkin's Excavating . . . . . 16.5 - 31.5

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High Game: S. Romain, 191; T. Day, 191; T. Rock, 191.

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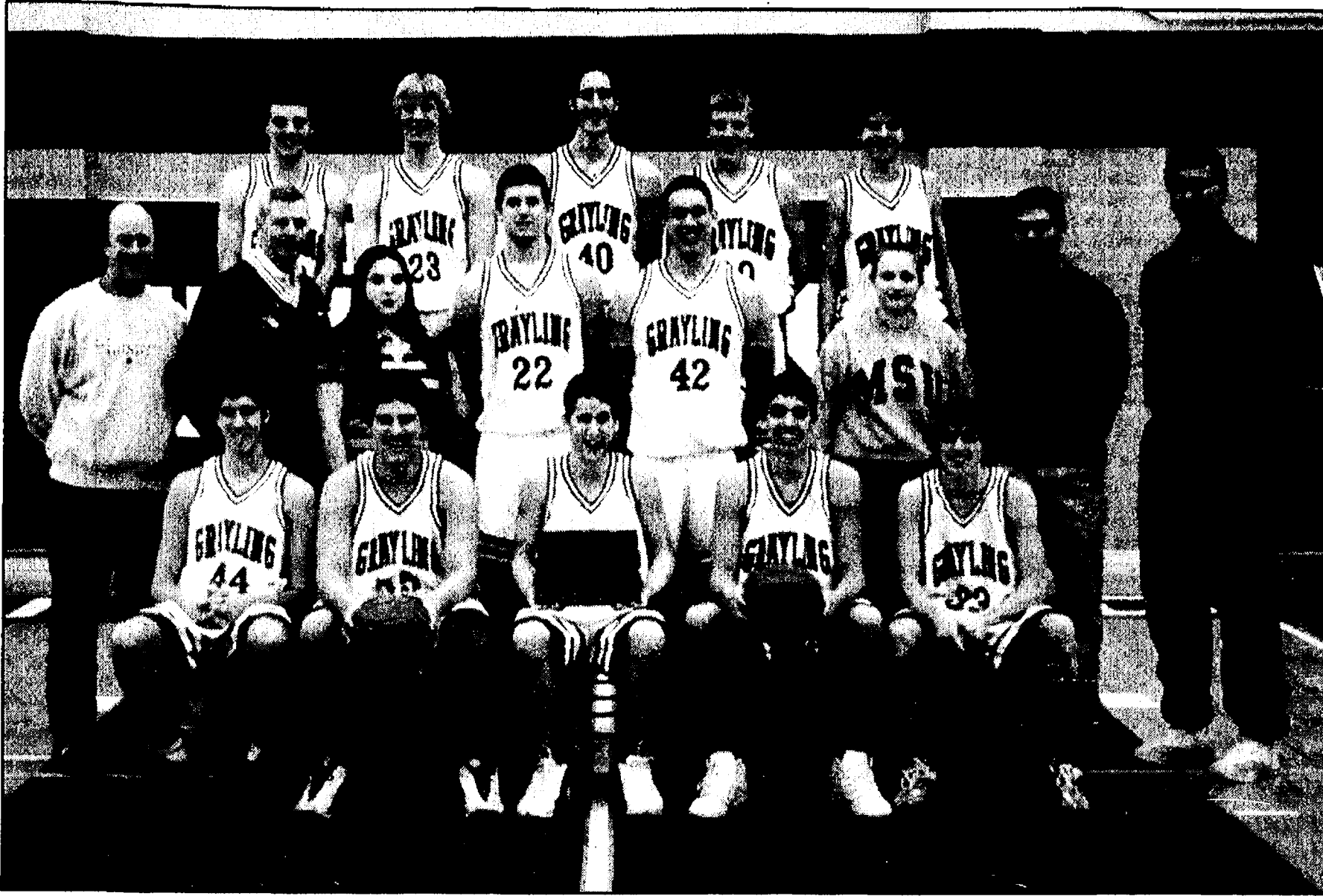
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## Grayling wins share of NEMC title

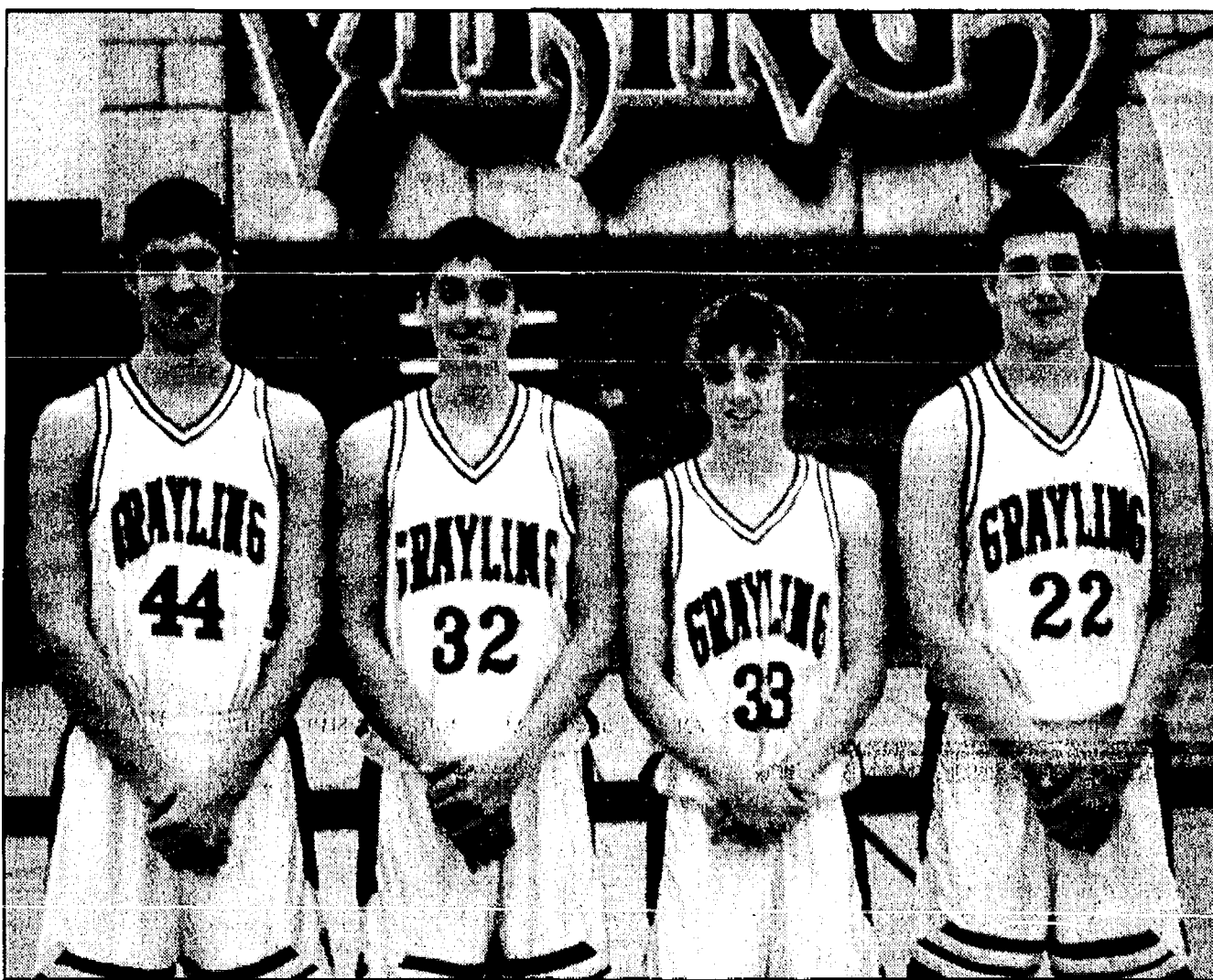
► Four Vikings earn all-league recognition for 2002-03 season

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team finished its 2002-03 regular season as North East Michigan Conference co-champions. The Vikings and the Braves of Tawas both finished their league schedules with nine wins, three losses.

Four Vikings – Gibson Tobin, Adam Kaiser, Joe Lange, and Roy Czapek – earned all-conference honors in the NEMC for their performances this year.

Tobin was named to the all-league first team, Kaiser made the second team, and Lange and Czapek received honorable mentions.

This year was Grayling's last season in the North East Michigan Conference. Next year, the Vikings will be a member of the Lake Michigan Conference.



Four Grayling High School varsity boys basketball players earned all-league recognition this year: (left to right) Joe Lange, honorable mention; Adam Kaiser, second team; Gibson Tobin, first team; Roy Czapek, honorable mention.

## Viking skiers honored at awards banquet

► Vandecar and Clough named most valuable skiers for 2003

The GHS boys and girls ski teams wrapped up their 2003 season with a dessert banquet and awards ceremony at Hanson Hills last Wednesday.

Freshmen Katie Baynham, Jill Seager, and Jessica Thomson and sophomore Adam Gilbert all received their first varsity awards. Returning varsity award winners were Heather Vandecar, Mallory Olson, Andria Alvarez, and Kassie McClain for the girls team and Trevor Clough, Jon Handy, Jim Jansen, Pat McNally, Eric Hunter, and Anthony Neal on the boys team.

Top racers were awarded for consistency, with Olson winning a bronze medal for 78 percent of her times being used, Seager a silver medal for 81 percent, and Vandecar the gold medal for 88 percent.

On the boys team, bronze went to McNally (81 percent),

Handy (94 percent) received the silver medal, and Clough (97 percent) took the gold.

Medals were also awarded for number of team victories: (girls team) Olson, bronze, 6 team wins; Alvarez, silver, 7 team wins; Vandecar, gold, 19

team wins; (boys team) Handy and McNally, bronze, 3 team victories each; Jansen, silver, 7 team victories; Clough, gold, 19 team victories.

Vandecar and Clough were both selected as the squad's most valuable skiers.

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The 2003 Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon – reduced to a biathlon this year due to safety issues on the AuSable River (ice) – gets started with the snowshoeing portion of the competition at Hanson Hills.

## Annual triathlon held at Hanson Hills

► Canoe portion cut out of 2003 event due to ice on AuSable River

The annual Johnson Outdoors Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon – held in late February this year – featured only two of its usual three events in 2003.

The Winter Wolf Triathlon, which usually involves paddling a one-person canoe on the AuSable River, snowshoeing at the Rayburn Property, and cross country skiing at Hanson Hills, was reduced to a biathlon this

year due to ice on the AuSable River.

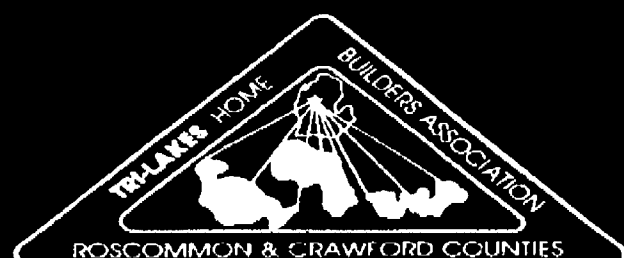
Only the snowshoeing and cross country skiing events were conducted this year. Both took place at Hanson Hills, with competitors first snowshoeing a looped course back to their skis at the starting line and then skiing to the finish line.

Division winners were: David Maclean (Men's Masters), Michael Seaman (Men's Classic), Ellen Thompson (Women's Masters), Cassie Webb (Women's Junior), and Thea Skinner (Women's Classic). For complete results, see the list on Page 5B.



Randy Stueve starts the cross country ski leg of the Winter Wolf Triathlon.

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Steve Seager finishes the snowshoe part of the 2003 Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon.

David LaGattuta, MD



# Annual triathlon held at Hanson Hills



Ellen Thompson, winner of the Women's Masters Division in this year's Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon, starts the cross country ski course.



Chris Seager competes in the snowshoeing portion of the Winter Wolf Triathlon.

## Winter Wolf (Biathlon) Results – 2003

Results are listed by division (Junior, Classic, Masters, Team – Men's and Women's)  
(Last Name, First Name, Number, Sex, Age Division, Time)

Women's Division					
Skinner, Thea	591	F	C		76.38.00
Lutz, Brittany	589	F	C		90.40.00
Williams, Sara	590	F	C		91.03.00
Webb, Cassie	519	F	J		67.28.00
Thompson, Ellen	581	F	M		53.50.02
Seager, Chris	592	F	M		59.36.33
Nash, Jenny	62	F	T		93.38.00
Meyer, Margaux	63	F	T		93.38.00
Men's Division					
Seaman, Michael	521	M	C		41.40.64
Galvani, Adam	497	M	C		42.04.36
Stueve, Randy	522	M	C		45.14.72
Hartman, Michael	523	M	C		47.39.53
Palmer, Mason	498	M	C		48.26.36
Streb, Randy	587	M	C		56.46.43
Lagemann, Paul	584	M	C		67.29.00
Skinner, Russell	593	M	C		67.44.00
Thomas, Andrew	499	M	C		68.07.00
Traylor, Luke	588	M	C		73.17.00
Brenner, Chuck	580	M	C		84.34.00
Macleay, David	520	M	M		36.26.37
Seager, Steve	583	M	M		40.46.41
Webb, Jon	585	M	M		50.23.56



Michael Seaman (left) and Adam Galvani, the top two finishers in the Men's Classic Division, finish the snowshoeing half of the Winter Wolf Triathlon.

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5. Wisconsin (22-7)  
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12. Weber State (26-5)  
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4. Dayton (24-5)  
AuSable Construction

13. Tulsa (22-9)  
Showtime Collision

6. Missouri (21-10)  
Northern Cafe

11. Southern Illinois (24-6)  
Scott McNamara Ford-Roscommon

7. Marquette (23-5)  
AuSable Valley Homes

14. Holy Cross (26-4)  
Scheer Motors

7. Indiana (20-12)  
Country Skillet

10. Alabama (17-11)  
Heads Up North

2. Pittsburgh (26-4)  
Rialto

15. Wagner (21-10)  
Darwin's Jewelry Repair

1. Arizona (25-3)  
AVCI.NET

16. Vermont (21-11)  
Arby's

8. Cincinnati (17-11)  
Century 21

9. Gonzaga (23-8)  
Scott McNamara Ford-Grayling

5. Notre Dame (22-10)  
McKegg's Bridge One Stop

12. Wis.-Milwaukee (24-7)  
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4. Illinois (24-6)  
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13. Western Kentucky (24-8)  
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6. Creighton (29-4)  
Moore's Automotive

11. Central Michigan (24-6)  
Scott McNamara Ford-Roscommon

3. Duke (24-6)  
Grayling Pharmacy

14. Colorado State (19-13)  
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Fifth Street Financial

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6. Maryland (19-9)  
Charlene Scheer-ReMax of Grayling

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5. Mississippi State (21-9)  
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14. Manhattan (23-6)  
Phil Wheaton Construction

7. St. Joseph's (23-6)  
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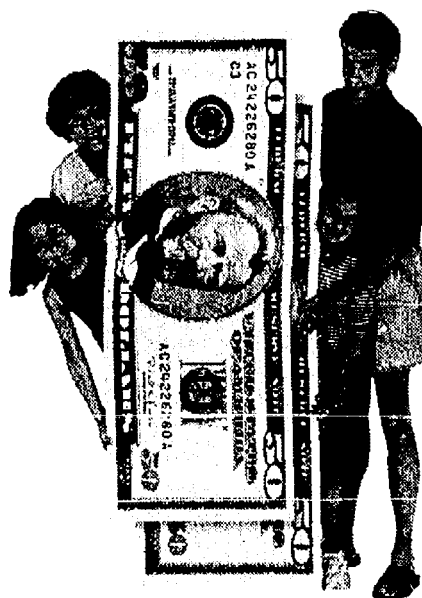
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## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

### Women's Team

ROSCOMMON — Sophomore co-captain Becca Miller ended her remarkable career at Kirtland taking team MVP honors at Sunday's athletic banquet after earning a berth on the first team all-state and all-region squads.

Miller averaged more than 19 points per game, third in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 11th in the nation. She was third in the league in shooting percentage from three-point range (36.4 percent), and her 81 percent success rate from the free-throw line was second in the league and 14th in the nation.

Teammates Amy Jordan, Miller's backcourt mate and the other co-captain, and freshman forward Jeni Kemp each earned honorable mention all-state.

Jordan also earned the team's top defensive player for the second straight season. She showed her tenacity by leading the Ladybirds in rebounding with 209 boards in 28 games despite being the team's shortest player at 5-foot-4.

Freshman guard Brianna Glasscox won the team's most improved player award, and freshman forward Raquel Bates won the "100 Percent" award for hustle.

Kirtland ended its season with a 10-18 record, which Coach Jimmy Parker acknowledged was disappointing considering the quality of his lineup.

"I said from the start we had more talent this year than last year, but we had a hard time putting it all together," Parker said. "But they kept going. We had a lot of injuries and that certainly didn't help. And these girls never gave up and I'm very proud of them for that."

### Men's Team

ROSCOMMON — Alvidas Gedminas, Kirtland's 7-foot center imported from Lithuania who finished fifth in the nation in rebounding, was named the team's most valuable player Sunday at the college's annual athletic banquet.

Leading scorer Jake Milarch, the sophomore guard from Copemish who finished the season averaging a team-high 15 points per game, was named the



Becca Miller, KCC Firebirds MVP



Alvidas Gedminas, KCC Firebirds MVP

Firebirds' most improved player.

The two are among the most sought-after of Kirtland's seven departing sophomores who led the team to a berth in the state tournament in the program's second year in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Kirtland, which finished in a tie for fourth in its 10-team conference, ended the season with a 13-16 record, losing the state playoff opener by three points to Wayne County.

The 'Birds finished strong after a sputtering start, caused in part when coach Glen Donahue missed the first three weeks of the season with a heart ailment.

"I had a heart attack, and I don't know if we ever caught up," he said. "But we weren't that far away. It was a heck of a season. We must missed getting over the hump."

Gedminas, 25, averaged more

than 12 points and 13 rebounds per game to earn a place on the All Region XII Division I team.

"He has a very bright future in this game," Donahue said, adding that Gedminas has been nominated for All-America honors to be selected soon.

Reuben Edwards, the sophomore from Detroit, was named Kirtland's best defensive player and joined Gedminas on the all-region team.

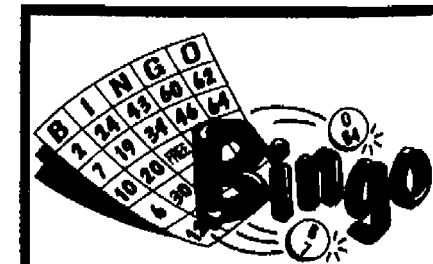
Sophomores Levi Burkett, Vaughan Gray, Andy Topie and Rubens Martinelli shared the team's "100 Percent" award for hustle.

## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Standings

Swamp .....187

Sawmill 2 .....179  
Plaza .....165  
American Legion .....162  
Gray Rock .....158  
Frederic Inn .....139  
Sawmill 1 .....132  
Spike's .....126  
5 Ball Runs: Denise 2 (Gray Rock), Patsey (Sawmill 2), Cindy (Sawmill 2), Jill (Plaza), Alice (Legion), Christy (Sawmill 1).  
6 Ball Runs: Barb (Gray Rock).



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## LEGAL ACTION

### Notice of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jocelyn Montgomery of 205 Alexia Lane, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to First National Bank of Gaylord, of 501 W. Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated July 3, 2001 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Grayling, and State of Michigan, on August 2, 2001, in Liber 0546 Pages 306 through 313 Crawford County Records, and on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$24,414.98.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage: Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 23rd day of April 2003 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of

Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as:

Lot 101, Grayling Mobile Estates #3, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 11, 2003  
Bodman, Longley & Dahling LLP  
Amy J. Durant (P54777)  
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord  
229 Court Street  
P.O. Box 405  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
(231) 627-4351

-20-27-03-10-17

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chelle A. Warnars a single woman (original mortgagors) to Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated July 8, 2002, and recorded on July 16, 2002 in Liber 588 on Page 365 in

Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee, Assignee by an assignment dated July 8, 2002, which was recorded on March 7, 2003, in Liber 623 on Page 68, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Eight and 25/100 dollars (\$61,338.25), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on April 23, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 45, 46, 47 and 48, Block 19, Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 20, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team H (248) 593-1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200313211  
Team H

20-27-03-10

### STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Case No. 00-5181-CK

Honorable Dennis F. Murphy  
D. Jerome Slack, As Trustee  
of the D. Jerome Slack Trust  
U/A/D June 26, 1981, Plaintiff

v.  
Paul W. Schroeder, Colleen Schroeder, jointly and severally, and Barnstormers, Inc., a Michigan corporation, d/b/a Red Barn, d/b/a Margrethville, Defendants,  
Thomas R. Alward (P31724)  
Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1241 E. Eighth Street  
P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817  
231-941-9660

### Notice of Foreclosure Sale

1. On August 16, 2002, the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment of Foreclosure in this matter.

2. As of the date of this notice, this Judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Judgment of Foreclosure on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., at a public auction to be held in the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants, Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen Schroeder, in and to the real property described as follows:

PARCEL 2: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 12, T26N, R4W; thence S 89° 37' W along the South line of

Section 12, 737.6 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of M-72; thence N73° 15' W along the Southerly right-of-way of M-72, 451.8 feet to the intersection of the Northerly right-of-way of M-93 for Point of Beginning; thence South 58° 30' W along the Northerly right-of-way of M-93, 431.3 feet; thence North 0° 21' W, 336.5 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of M-72; thence South 73° 15' E along the Southerly right-of-way of M-72, 386.2 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, and North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

3. The sale of the Property shall be as a single parcel free and clear of all easements, liens, encumbrances and claims arising since August 9, 1999, the date that the Mortgage was recorded at the Crawford County Register of Deeds. The sale is subject to liens and other restrictions recorded before August 9, 1999 none of which are foreclosed by the Judgment of Foreclosure.

4. Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen Schroeder, shall be forever barred and foreclosed of and from all equity of redemption, and claim of, in, and to the Mortgaged Property, if not redeemed within six months from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 10, 2003  
Thomas R. Alward, Esq. (P31724)  
Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
1241 E. Eighth Street  
P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817  
-20-27-03-10-17-24



# LEGAL ACTION

## STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 03-6004 CZ  
Donald Pillow and Debra Pillow  
v  
Americorp (Donald Castetter)  
IT IS ORDERED:  
TO: AMERICORP:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to provide a good and sufficient warranty as the result of Plaintiffs satisfying their land contract obligation. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 11, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Dated: March 3, 2003  
Judge Alton T. Davis (P-24472)  
David R. Sabin  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989-348-5588

-13-20-27-03

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenley Bielby and Caroline Rosser, a single man and a single woman (original mortgagors) to Northwestern Savings Bank & Trust, Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2000, and recorded on January 5, 2001 in Liber 526 on Page 164 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, a public body corporate and politic of the State of Michigan, as assignee by an assignment dated December 23, 2000, which was recorded on January 5, 2001, in Liber 526 on Page 171 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five and 18/100 dollars (\$78,865.18), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on April 2, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan,

and are described as:

Lot 2, Block 17, of Roffee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 27, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team J (248) 593-1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200313924  
Team J

-27-06-13-20

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by John W. Meredith and Lexis L. Meredith, husband and wife, of Grayling, Michigan (Mortgagors) to Banc One Financial Services, Inc., (Mortgagee) dated May 26, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on June 23, 1999 in Liber 484, Page 447, Crawford County Records and was assigned by an assignment dated March 31, 2000 to Household Finance Corporation III, a Delaware Corporation, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on September 7, 2000 in Liber 516, Page 627, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$163,165.82 including interest at the rate of 12.990% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is

hereby given that on the 9th day of April, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the undersigned will: at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

Parcel H  
Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, thence South 00 degrees 44' 15" West (along the 1/8 line), 667 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 32' 20" East, 653.39 feet, thence South 00 degrees 45' 37" West, 667.5 feet, thence South 89 degrees 32' 30" West, 653.42 feet, thence North 00 degrees 44' 15" East, 667.5 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Tax ID#20-051-002-009-055-00

The redemption period shall be twelve months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 14, 2003  
Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)  
Attorney for Assignee  
38500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-5051  
(248) 540-7500  
Household Finance Corporation III  
Assignee

-27-06-13-20-27

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sharon Larkin a married woman (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Mortgagee, dated February

15, 2002, and recorded on February 19, 2002 in Liber 570 on Page 410 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Eighty-Eight and 54/100 dollars (\$51,088.54), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on April 2, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, thence West 4 rods for a point of beginning, thence West 10 rods, thence North 40 rods, thence East 10 rods, thence South 40 rods to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 27, 2003

For information, please call:  
Team X (248) 593-1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200312907  
Team X

-27-06-13-20

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Tina M. Nelson, whose last known address is 120 Jeanette Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to The United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated September 2, 1994 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on September 6, 1994 in Liber 383 of Crawford County Records on Pages 218 through 221, inclusive, said Borrower on the above date of September 2, 1994, also having executed a certain Assumption Agreement in writing, by which she assumed prior mortgages given by Ronald L. Finch and Cindy M. Finch, husband and wife, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, dated March 23, 1990 and recorded March 23, 1990, in Liber 308 of Crawford County Records on pages 436 through 439, inclusive and a certain mortgage given by Kathy L. Tyson to the United States of America, acting through the Farmer's Home Administration, dated March 11, 1994, and recorded March 11, 1994, in Liber 374 of Crawford County Records on Page 383 through 386, inclusive, and by reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Nine and 99/100 (\$83,839.99) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises there-in described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday April 16, 2003, at 10:00 o'clock, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 8.0 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

Lot 55, Clough's Highland Acres, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, Crawford County Records (also commonly known at 120 Jeanette Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738; tax no. 040-45-220-00-055-00).

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661, telephone (989) 345-5470, ext. 4.

Dated: March 6, 2003  
Robert J. Zitta (P22749)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
Schueerle & Zitta  
300 Washington Street  
P.O. Box 212  
Grand Haven, MI 49417  
(616) 842-1470  
United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

-13-20-27-03

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 03-6575-DE  
Estate of Marguerite Caroline Oliver,  
Date of birth: 09/29/11

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:  
The decedent, Marguerite Caroline Oliver, who lived at 11728 West M-72, Grayling, Michigan, 49738 died January 27, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Chris Lauria, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 5, 2003  
Todd H. Nye (P59301)  
Attorney  
P.O. Box 708  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 348-6141  
Chris Lauria  
8360 West AuSable Road  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
(989) 821-5303

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## CHECK OUT OUR CLASSIFIEDS

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

### 23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to current M.D.O.T. specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following location on or before June 1, 2003:

35,000 ton @ Lovells Pit: T28N, R2W, W 1/2, of section 24, Lovells Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "23A Gravel Bid".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners  
Ken Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Jim Burch, Commissioner

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a re-opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

### BITUMINOUS BASE CRUSHING

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as Bituminous Base Crushing.

Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to add or delete quantities or projects to or from the bid and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

### Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Ken Riehle, Chairman  
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Jim Burch, Commissioner

## WEIGHT RESTRICTION PUBLIC NOTICE

As of Friday, March 14, 2003 at 8:00 a.m., the Crawford County Road Commission has established seasonal weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads. At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standards, which includes load restrictions of 35%.

After meeting with commercial haulers to determine reasonable application and enforcement procedures and routes, the following roads may be traveled while frost laws are in effect, in accordance with state law:

Old 27: County line to County line  
612: Old 27 (Frederic) East to I-75  
Sherman Road: North County Line to Landfill  
North Down RR: Business Loop East to I-75 Ramps

### FROST LAW RESTRICTED ROADS ARE SIGNED AND FROST LAWS ARE BEING ENFORCED.

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact Jed Blaauw, Superintendent at (989) 348-2281, with any questions regarding restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions.

By: Donald Babcock, Managing Director  
For: Kenneth Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
James Burch, Commissioner

# Public Notice



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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

**23 Years Ago**  
**March 20, 1980**

Crediting in large part the warm reception Weyerhaeuser received from area officials and residents, Tony Moore, company Project Manager, officially announced that Grayling had been selected for construction of a \$50 million dollar wood products manufacturing facility.

Construction of the facility is described by Moore, as "one of the largest wood products projects the company has ever taken on."

After a generous contribution from the Hoskins Manufacturing Company in Mio, Mercy Hospital has raised a total of \$469,346.52 toward their goal of \$500,000 for the hospital's building fund program.

Grayling's fame is spreading! With national coverage in the *National Geographic* magazine, Grayling's Hartwick Pines and AuSable River were mentioned in the June, 1979 issue.

An almost unbelievable 60 day adventure that almost everyone including the adventurer himself thought impossible, ended March 6 in Anchorage, Alaska when Tony Lenzini arrived there safe and sound after traveling, unaided, 5,600 miles aboard a Ski Doo Citation snowmobile.

Tony stopped in Grayling, after departing from Houghton Lake,

in his quest for a world record snowmobile trek through some of the most barren and rugged terrain in the northern hemisphere.

Kirtland Community College just received an El Camino from Chevrolet. Donald Nester, Roscommon Chevrolet dealer, presented the car to the college to further students' automotive and mechanical careers.

Nancy E. Kerle of Grayling, is a member of the Hope College Symphonette chamber orchestra which will be touring the United States for two weeks.

The Rotary Club's Minstrel Show, "The Roaring Twenties" will be performed on March 20-21. Mike Branch, Paul Thomson and Dale Nicholas will perform the song "The Good Ship Lollipop," while the band and chorus will belt out some old fashioned songs from the period.

Only two weeks remains until the official opening of the Grayling Country Club. Hopefully we will not have an April snowstorm, as we did last year.

The Student Senate of Kirtland Community College presented another of their annual dinner theatre programs. The Alpha-Omega Players presented "The Marriage-Go-Round," a comedy by Leslie Stevens.

March 23 - April 5 has been designated as "Jaycee Jelly Week."

According to project chairman, Chuck Huber, all proceeds from the sale of jars of jelly will be shared equally between the Institute for Burns Medicine in Ann Arbor, and the families and victims of fires.

Despite a temperature of 10 below, 110 Grayling residents came to the American Legion Hall to give a pint of blood.

**46 Years Ago**  
**March 21, 1957**

The Grayling Vikings won their second trophy in the State High School basketball tourney by defeating Gaylord Saturday. They will face Crystal Falls in the State Quarter Finals at Traverse City.

The Michigan State University Men's Glee Club will appear in Grayling this Saturday. Last year, the Glee Club made 65 appearances before an estimated 83,000 people.

An investigation to determine how much food, water, steel, minerals and other resources will be required in the future by a rapidly expanding America, draws attention to Crawford County and its needs.

Food is being absorbed by Crawford County residents at the estimated rate of 1,510 tons a year. This is far above the mere subsistence diet. Drinking water for the county is estimated at 820,000 gallons a year.

**69 Years Ago**  
**March 22, 1934**

Yesterday, March 21, was the first day of spring, according to

the calendar. The temperature at 6 a.m. was 35 degrees above and it kept getting colder as the day advanced. At noon it was 24 above and at midnight it fell to six below zero. This morning at 6 a.m. it registered nine below and this afternoon, although there is a bright sun, it is only four above.

The home of Albert Charron has been under quarantine for several weeks, some of the children being ill with scarlet fever. The ban was lifted, and they have all recovered nicely.

Otto Falling had a week's supply of groceries amounting to \$6.00 taken from his automobile parked in the driveway next to the Lovely Restaurant. He had left his car there and was in at Alfred Hanson's Garage for a short time and when he returned the groceries were gone except for a pound of butter which had been dropped by the thieves as they were carrying their plunder away.

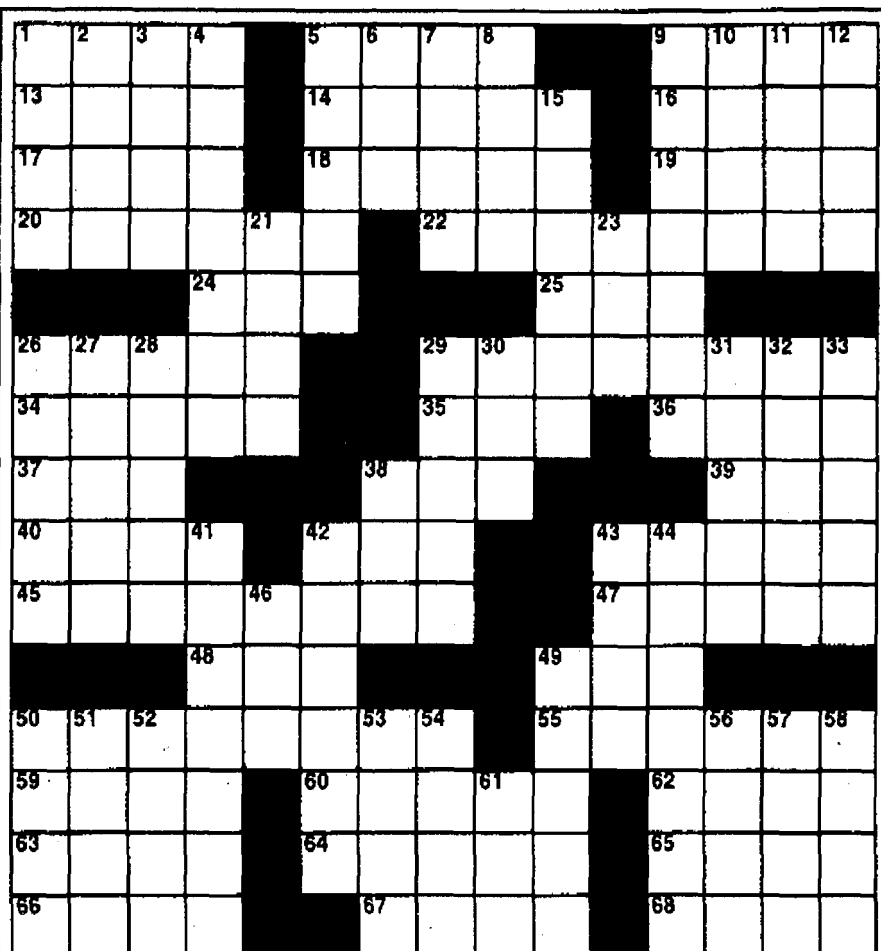
**92 Years Ago**  
**March 23, 1911**

George Langevin planted 40,000 trout in the AuSable River last week.

Auditor General Fuller estimated that the May distribution of Primary school money will amount to \$6.50 per capita which is slightly larger than that of a year ago.

Snow in the village has nearly disappeared, the kids are playing marbles and all indications point toward the arrival of spring. We have only had 143 days of delightful sleighing and beautiful winter weather.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Walking stick
5. "Now I know my \_\_\_\_ next time won't you sing with me"
9. Western Samoa
13. \_\_\_\_ Trebek, game show host
14. A spore-producing structure in certain lichens and fungi
16. Style
17. Ancient Japanese religious center
18. Pores in a leaf
19. Major, dominant
20. Lack of moral standards in a society
22. To plot against something or someone
24. Tax collection agency
25. Large Australian flightless bird similar to the ostrich
26. Ethiopian lake
29. No longer paid hourly wages
34. VII
35. A layer, as in paper towel or toilet paper
36. \_\_\_\_ mater, one's school
37. Pub order
38. Taxi
39. The longest division of geological time
40. \_\_\_\_ Harvey, comedian
42. Use scissors
43. Angle under 90°

45. Eliminations, as with a pencil Carton. abbr.
47. Emits coherent radiation
48. To force open with a lever or a crowbar
49. Swiss river
50. Saltiness
55. Deadly
59. Used esp. as a culture medium and a gelling agent in foods
60. Civil rights group
62. About aviation; prefix
63. Surrender possession of
64. \_\_\_\_ Brooks, country singer
65. Take; snatch
66. Unlockers
67. Russian river
68. James \_\_\_\_, American steam engineer

### DOWN

1. Town in Galilee
2. \_\_\_\_ Alda, actor
3. He fiddled
4. Look at carefully
5. Donkeys
6. Botany: abbr.
7. Crocodile: shortened form
8. Large wrestler
9. Japanese fried dish
10. Jai \_\_\_\_
11. Den
12. \_\_\_\_ Frank's diary
15. In a mentally stable way
21. Middle East country
23. Senior officer: abbr.
26. Hebrew letter
27. Scads
28. Oats
29. Small fights, usually in relationships
30. A close-sleeved linen liturgical vestment worn by priests
31. Severe colic
32. Dramatically express emotion
33. Claire \_\_\_\_, young actress
38. White ball in billiards
41. Strives towards a goal
42. Weeping
43. Wings
44. Transporting by cart
46. A vessel for storing cremated ashes
49. The first letter of the Greek alphabet
50. Tackle the quarterback
51. Phil \_\_\_\_, former CIA agent
52. Disney cartoon, \_\_\_\_ And The Tramp
53. Afrikaans
54. Agile, lively
56. The queen of the gods in ancient mythology
57. Rumanian city
58. Lofts, as in a pitch
- 61.

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

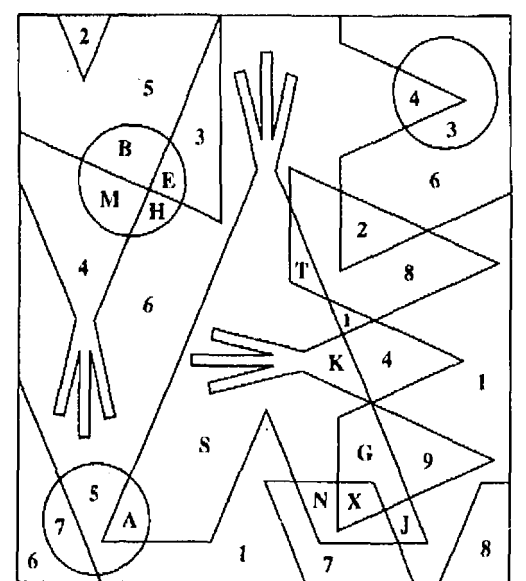


12 fresh green or black figs  
1 teaspoon grated orange zest  
1/4 cup fresh orange juice  
1/4 cup brandy, port or Marsala (optional)  
2 tablespoons honey  
heavy cream (optional)  
Preheat oven to 350° F. Bake until tender, about 20

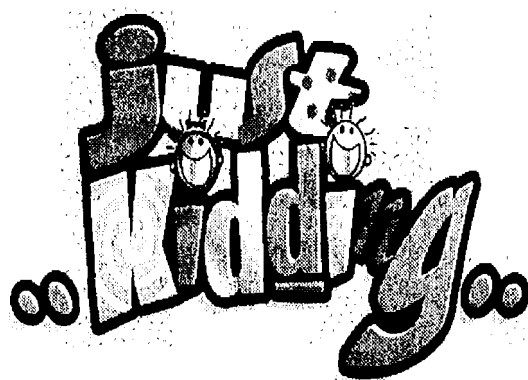
## Saucy Baked Figs

Remove stems from figs, if desired. Arrange whole figs in ovenproof dish, pressing down lightly to flatten bottoms so that figs will stand upright. Mix orange zest, juice, brandy and honey together and pour over figs. minutes. Cool and serve with heavy cream to pour over. Makes 4 servings. Preparation Time: about 20 minutes. Bake Time: about 20 minutes.

## HIDDEN PICTURE



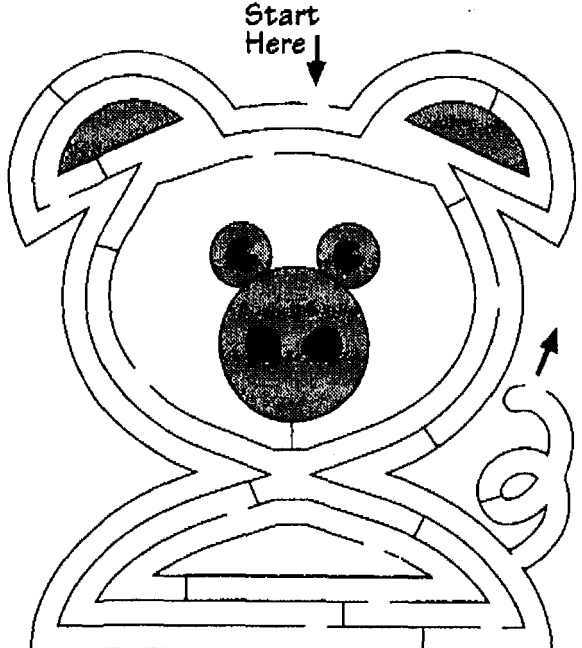
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## DID YOU KNOW

Berceuse is another term for "cradle song" or lullaby.

## MAZE



## Adopt a Pet



Scarlet is approximately 2 years old. She is a Husky mix so she is very busy, but is friendly to people and other animals. She likes to be both inside and out. She is spayed and has all of her shots. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter is especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
**508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**  
**Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall**  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of March 20, 2003

<p><b>Capricorn</b> December 22-January 19</p> <p>Communication is at an all-time high. Write that proposal you've been putting off. E-mail or send cards to friends you've lost touch with. Tell those close to you how special they are.</p>	<p><b>Aries</b> March 21-April 19</p> <p>A friendship is blossoming. Be careful not to rush things. Get to know the person before you make them your confidante. An important event draws near.</p>	<p><b>Cancer</b> June 22-July 22</p> <p>It's not too late to make up for lost time with an older family member. Get in touch with them and arrange for a visit. Then work out a plan to stay in touch.</p>	<p><b>Libra</b> September 23-October 22</p> <p>You've been so absorbed in a project at work that you've forgotten what it's like to play. Now that it's finished, go out and have some fun.</p>
<p><b>Aquarius</b> January 20-February 18</p> <p>Indulgence has been your motto this week, and it's starting to show in your budget. Pull back on the purse strings and do without a few luxuries to make up for what you have spent.</p>	<p><b>Taurus</b> April 20-May 20</p> <p>A friend gets a better job. Congratulate them and take them out to dinner to celebrate. A wonderful surprise arrives in the mail.</p>	<p><b>Leo</b> July 23-August 22</p> <p>Time is running short for you to complete a home improvement project. Go to the hardware store and get the materials you will need. Then sit down, make a schedule and stick to it.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio</b> October 23-November 21</p> <p>You're having a hard time adjusting to a difficult situation at work. It may be time to step outside of yourself and view the situation from your coworker's point of view.</p>
<p><b>Pisces</b> February 19-March 20</p> <p>Excitement is in the air. You receive a nomination for an award, an old friend returns and a family member receives unexpected news.</p>	<p><b>Gemini</b> May 21-June 21</p> <p>An application deadline is near. Don't delay your decision any longer. Take your budget and time into consideration.</p>	<p><b>Virgo</b> August 23-September 22</p> <p>It's much too early to tell if your recent actions have paid off. Move on to other matters and prepare for what may lie ahead.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius</b> November 22-December 21</p> <p>You've been far too anxious lately. Remember, some matters are beyond your control. So stop sweating the big stuff and focus on things you can change.</p>

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## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**BECOME A HOMEOWNER**  
Northern Homes CDC is offering free homebuyer Counseling classes for the MSHDA sponsored program links to Homeownership. Families with a related minor child living in the home, or a pregnant applicant/co-applicant who meet financial program guidelines are eligible. These classes can assist you with potential down payment assistance, credit repair, pre-purchase inspections and maintenance training. Classes are now forming. Call Alice Yeoman at 866-637-1834 Toll Free. Northern Homes CDC is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to create affordable housing opportunities in Northern Michigan. Equal Housing Opportunity. (LR4/3/02/1)

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**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

### 2. For Rent

**OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE** for rental, 1,200 sq. ft. immediate opening in neon plaza, Kalkaska. Call Sandy (231) 258-8377 between 9:00 to 3:00. (10/24/02tf/2)

**THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH** home at Lake Margrethe. Five years old, freshly painted inside. \$600 per month plus security. References, one year lease. No smoking only, no pets. (989) 348-8627 (3/13/03tf/2)

**BUSINESS OR OFFICE SPACE** for rent. 640 square feet. Excellent traffic location on Federal Highway. One and 1/4 mile west of I-75 Exit 244. (989) 821-5995. (LR3/27/03/2)

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Property Address: 120 Jeanette Street,  
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Minimum Bid: \$35,921  
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### 1. Real Estate

**On the main stream of the AuSable River, "Holy Waters!"**  
Quaint two bedroom cottage located right on the banks of the river (a stone's throw from the front porch) Features a brick fireplace, knotty pine interior, and a fantastic view! This cottage comes partially furnished. \$168,000 #5070 Ask for Connie!


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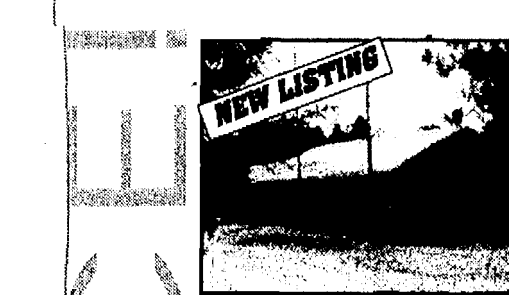
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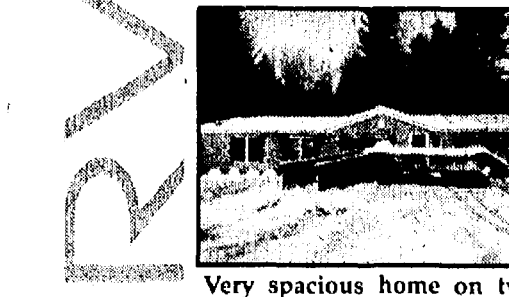


This log duplex on 220' of the AuSable River is very conveniently located and each unit is large at 1330 sq. ft. Each unit has three good size bedrooms, large bath with double sink, fireplace and basement. \$133,000 #5069

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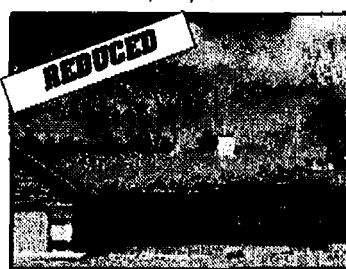
Remodeled three bedroom, one bath ranch with 1,008 square feet, home includes very nice custom cabinets. The property is close to State Land and North Higgins Lake State Park. Easy access to hunting and snowmobile trails. \$89,000 #5078



Very spacious home on two acres. The rear of the property adjoins State Land. This home is very comfortable with a fireplace to warm up in the winter and central air to cool off in the summer. The property is located on a private dead end street and property size guarantees privacy. \$125,000 #5066



Enjoy the serenity of the AuSable riverfront living amongst the pines yet still have the convenience of being close to town. This spotless full log home features two bedrooms with built in dressers, 2 1/2 baths, walk out basement with large work room, fireplace, wrap around deck, and much more. \$239,500 #5081



2002 New, quality, cedar sided home on a beautiful 4.32 acre parcel of hardwoods offers outstanding views of wooded valleys and hills. Three bedrooms, 2 full baths, fireplace, attached garage. 1,731 sq. ft. not including basement. \$195,000 #4906



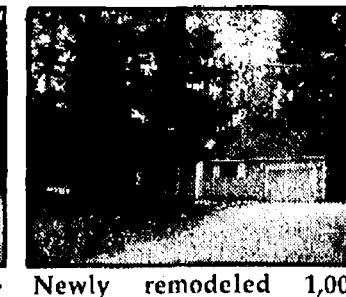
Great Location! Only minutes from town! This three bedroom home has had many updates to include: house wrap and vinyl siding, vinyl windows, new roof and extra insulation to ceiling (R40) The garage is 16 x 30 with the back half being utilized as a work shop. \$78,000 #5011



Nice and clean home located in the City of Grayling has plenty to offer! Featuring 1,460 square feet with three bedrooms, a living room, and large family room with a fireplace, attached garage, a fenced in yard, paved drive and more! \$63,000 #5082



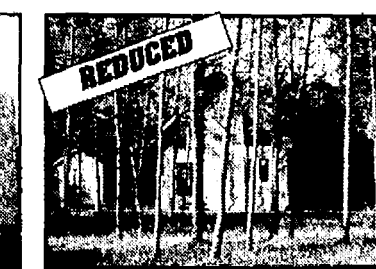
2002 New, quality, log sided home on a beautiful 3.73 acre wooded parcel. Home offers privacy and outstanding views. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, magnificent stone fireplace, attached garage. 2,079 sq. ft. not including full walk out basement. \$220,000 #4952



Newly remodeled 1,008 square feet, three bedroom home with an attached single car garage. Very nice inside and out. This home is set in a very attractive subdivision on a county maintained road. The property is a 110 x 202 parcel. Only minutes to town. \$83,500 #5064



Affordable three bedroom, one bath mobile on a good size lot, just minutes from town. This mobile would make a great rental income property. Handy man special and priced to sell. \$22,000 #5083



Opportunity Knocks!! Trout season is coming. Full log shell with a 16 x 28 log sided garage on 1 1/4 acres. Only three miles from town. The famous AuSable River is only a 1/2 mile away. The property is adjacent to thousands of acres of State Land. \$79,900 #4973



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## 2. For Rent

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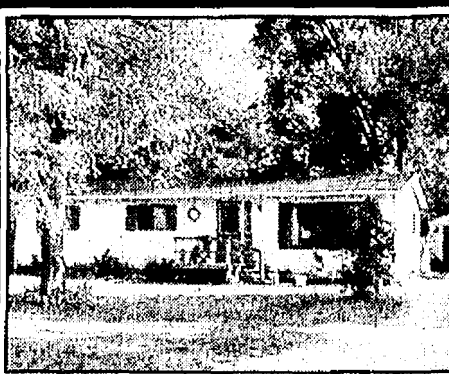
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The Grayling Housing Commission currently has 1 bedroom (senior/disabled) apartments available. Rent is based on 30% of gross adjusted income or \$400 maximum rent. Utilities included or a utility allowance is applied. Please call 348-9314 for more information or stop in at 308 Lawndale.

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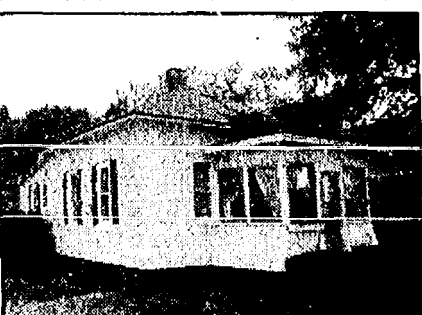


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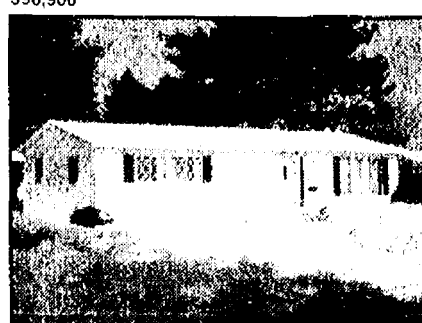
**SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOME?** Home offers 948 s.f. with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, full basement with laundry. Large updated kitchen has pantry and floating snack bar. Home is ready to move into. Enclosed porch on front. Double lot with all the city services and convenient to stores, churches, schools etc. CS-1611 \$57,000



**GUTHRIE LAKES LOT #653!** Nice mixture with hardwoods and an excellent location to build. Association dues \$250.00 per year. Electricity at road, blacktop. 15 minutes North of Grayling and 15 minutes South of Grayford. Some of the many amenities property owners enjoy: clubhouse, swimming pool, bathhouse and dock, beach and play area, park and picnic tables, nature area, volleyball court and much more. CS-1625 \$6,000



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**BEAUTIFUL HOME IN THE CITY!** Immaculately well maintained home offers 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1 1/2 car detached garage. Appliances include stove, refrigerator (new), and garbage disposal. Washer and dryer negotiable. New carpet, new furnace & hot water heater, new roof on house and garage. Concrete circle drive. Great location. CS-1703 \$67,500



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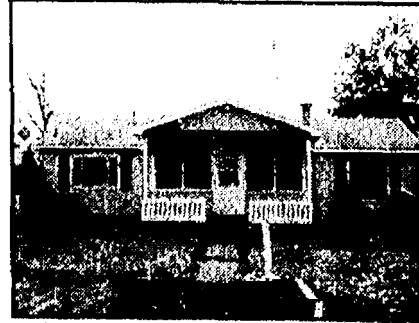
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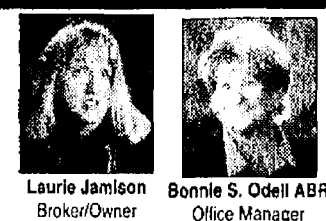
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**Ideal Cottage/Location!** Ideal cottage near Higgins Lake, State Land & Trails. Neat one bedroom, one bath home. Has a garage and two storage buildings. 10 x 10 & 20 x 40. \$49,900 #225658



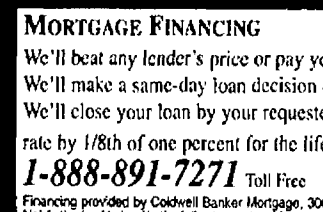
**Convenient & Economical!** This 2BR, 1 bath would make a good starter or rental home. Conveniently located close to schools and the hospital. A 24' x 32' garage with 8' x 10' doors new in 2000. Newer water filtering softener system. Back porch is 4' x 8' and enclosed. \$53,000 #225075



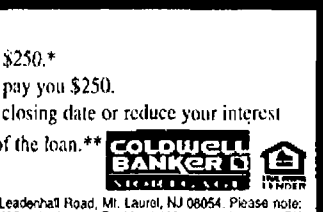
**The Perfect Starter or Retirement Home!** Located close to town, this 3BR, 1 bath is the perfect location for a first-time home owner or retiree. Includes family room with wood stove & doorwall leading out to a cement patio, above-ground pool, and newer drywall in garage. Also features Michigan basement. \$63,000 #225023



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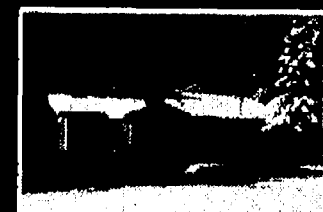
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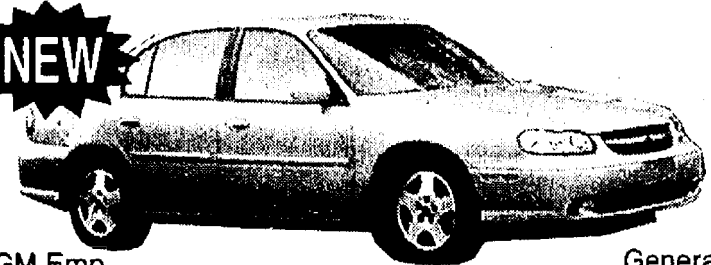
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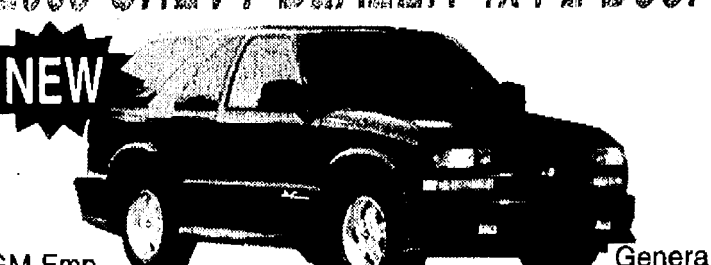
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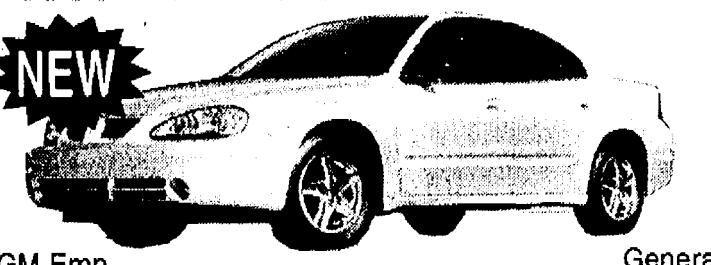
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## Warm weather prompts Sunday picnic



Photos by Cheryl Ruley

It was only a few weeks ago when thermometers in outlying areas of Crawford County bottomed out at 30 degrees below zero. On Sunday, March 16, the local temperature reached at least 67 degrees (as shown at right) -- 97 degrees warmer! Enjoying the beautiful sunshine and warm temperatures amid a thick blanket of snow was the Brill family (and their dog) who picnicked in the Grayling City Park at about 1 p.m. that day. Spring begins Friday, March 21.



## City to go back to Monday trash pick-up

► City council approves Waste Management's request 5-0

Roadside trash pick-up for City of Grayling residents will be reverting back to Mondays starting soon.

A few years ago, when the city was renewing its trash service contract with Waste

Management, the city council decided to change from Monday pick-up to Wednesday because the company's bid for Monday pick-up was significantly more expensive.

Waste Management has since adjusted its operation, and recently asked the city if it would be willing to amend its current contract with the company and switch back to Monday pick-up.

"It would even the routes out,"

Waste Management officials said at last Monday's city council meeting. "It just makes our operation run more efficiently."

The council voted 5-0 to approve the change in the city's contract with Waste Management to reflect the change in pick-up day from Wednesday back to Monday.

According to Waste Management, the company will inform city residents of the change by sending notices

through the mail.

Monday pick-up will start on March 31. City of Grayling officials said the company would also pick up on Wednesday, April 2, just in case a few residents do not receive notice of the change.

The switch from Wednesday to Monday is expected to be complete on April 7.

The time -- trash must be at roadside by 7 a.m. on pick-up day -- remains unchanged.

## President raises terror alert to 'high' as country awaits war

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A Camp Grayling official said early Tuesday no extra measures are being taken to heighten security at the Michigan National Guard base, although the national Terror Alert status was raised to orange or "High" Monday night by President George W. Bush.

The camp has been under increased states of security since the terrorist attacks on America on September 11, 2001.

In a television address to the nation and the world the evening of March 17, President Bush told Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein he and his sons had 48 hours to leave Iraq or face the consequences of war.

Bush stated Hussein's failure to disarm according to United Nation's Resolution 1441 has forced a military disarmament of Iraq by the U.S., Britain and other allies.

Bush stated if Hussein doesn't leave by the 48-hour deadline (at 8 p.m. EST on March 19), the U.S. and its allies will begin disarmament militarily "at a time of our choosing."

Bush also addressed the Iraqi people who may have been listening, stating, "your liberation is near."

With the signs of war growing nearer, the President raised the terror alert level one notch to bring awareness to the American people that terrorist activities in the U.S. may increase.

## Superintendent meets with Frederic board

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Superintendent Milli Haug met with the Frederic Township Board to discuss possible uses for the Frederic Elementary building beginning this summer.

Haug said it's a wonderful building but it will be eight or nine years before the population will grow enough to need to use it as a school again. Current plans are for Head Start to continue to use the building, but the school board would like to see the building also become a resource for the community.

One of the suggestions made was to turn the building into a center much like the CRAF center in Roscommon. The CRAF

Center has a gym, weight room, and offers dance classes among other things.

Other suggestions included using the building for meetings, wedding receptions, and after school programs. Haug told the board the playground equipment will be left intact.

Haug was also asked why the building was not going to operate as a school next year since the basic grant from the state will be unchanged from this year. She said that the school budget had to be trimmed more than \$750,000 next year in any case because of declining enrollment. With the closing of the school they still need to cut more than \$500,000 from the budget.

## Ticket to prom includes alcohol breath test

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

At the request of the high school administrators, the Crawford AuSable School Board passed a motion to allow administering a preliminary breath test (PBT) to all teens attending the Grayling High School prom. The vote was 4-2.

The request stemmed from the incident involving alcohol at the February 22 dance during Spirit Week. At that dance, 15-30 teens were reported to have left immediately after two teens were detained and given minor in possession violations by sheriff's deputies.

Assistant Grayling High School Principal Melissa Stone said the testing is a preventative measure. The prom will be held in Houghton Lake and without the testing there could be a huge problem of teens drinking and driving to and from the prom.

When students purchase their prom tickets they will be informed that they will be subject to a mandatory PBT (preliminary breathalyzer test) when they enter the prom. The test

will be administered by sheriff's deputies. Those testing positive will be detained and their parents will be called to pick them up.

Board members stressed this vote will affect only the prom. It may, however, become part of the board policy after review.

Jack Pilon, who voted for the measure, said he was only voting for it because it was a voluntary activity. He voiced his displeasure with the fact that the board had very little to no warning of this possible vote before the meeting.

Stone said no one thought administering a PBT test would be needed until after the February incident occurred. Other school districts were contacted to see how they handle the problem of drinking and PBT testing seemed like the best alternative. Stone also said the school wanted to start selling tickets to the prom on March 18 and prevention would work best if students know about the testing at the time they purchase their tickets.

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## M.D.A. BEGINS SHAMROCK CAMPAIGN

Across Grayling, green and gold Shamrocks Against Dystrophy mobiles are dotting the walls at businesses, schools and other locations.

Those who donate \$1 or \$5 to sign their names to a colorful mobile are taking part in the nation's biggest charity event associated with St. Patrick's Day to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

Here in Grayling, the funds raised by Shamrocks Against Dystrophy help support an outpatient clinic at Mid Michigan Regional Medical Center, fund neuromuscular disease research at universities throughout Michigan (including Michigan State University, University of Michigan, and Wayne State University), send kids to MDA summer camp and much more.



Photo courtesy of Charlie's Country Corner

Fick & Sons' Retail Operations Manager, Kaye Laughton, captured the "wearing of the green" -- green paper shamrocks covering the walls of Charlie's Country Corner, showing the community's support for the research work and outpatient clinics funded by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The MDA Shamrocks Against Dystrophy are on sale all over Crawford County.

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## Financial woes looming for COA

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Mickey Perez, the new Commission on Aging (COA) accountant, gave the COA Board disturbing news at their Committee of the Whole meeting. Their expenditures are exceeding their revenues in at least three areas of their budget. They are currently at the break even point on their budget but last month they overspent by approximately \$10,000.

The major problem is occurring in the Meals on Wheels program. One of the problems with the program is that last year they served approximately 3,700 meals during the month of February whereas this year the number was over 5,000. The increase in the number of meals was unexpected and not part of the budget. Among the suggestions made to cut the costs or increase the revenues were getting more volunteers to

deliver meals, deliver all the meals for the week at once, one hot, the rest frozen, and apply for more grants to help increase revenues.

Board members expressed concern that if the COA continued to lose approximately \$50,000 each year, the six month operating cushion they have in case funding ceases will be completely gone in five years.

At the evening board meeting, the board asked COA Director Nova Anderson to provide information each month on units served, cost per unit and revenue per unit for each type of service.

The board asked the finance committee and Anderson to begin work on two budgets for next year - one similar to this year and one reflecting the projected 15 percent cut in revenues. The 15 percent cut would necessitate cutting approximately \$70,000 in programs and services.

## Plans underway to ease transition for FE students

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Grayling Elementary Principal Angela Camp told the Crawford AuSable School Board 17 people have been working hard to ensure the transition caused by the closure of Frederic Elementary school will be as smooth as possible. The group is composed of administrators and staff people from Frederic Elementary, Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary as well as representatives from Grayling and Frederic Parent-Teacher Organizations.

Camp reported that plans include bringing all Frederic Elementary students to Grayling on April 14. They will spend most of the day meeting and interacting with other students in their grade.

Frederic students in grades K-4 will be given a tour of the building, work on projects with

their Grayling counterparts, eat lunch and check out the playground equipment during recess.

Fifth graders will not necessarily be given a tour of the building since they will be going to the middle school next year. They will spend the day interacting with other fifth graders.

On April 22, kindergarten orientation will be held at AuSable Primary. Parents of the kindergarten class of 2003-04 will be receiving a letter from Principal Barbara Mick shortly.

There will also be an orientation meeting the evening of May 8 for Frederic parents and students. They will have the chance to tour the building and meet teachers.

Booklets are also being developed which will give information about the school, teachers, and contain a map of the buildings.

## New state senator is keeping busy

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

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Stamas now serves as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee and Chair of the Department of Community Health Appropriations Subcommittee. He is also a member of the Appropriations Subcommittees on State Police and Military Affairs, Community Colleges, and Transportation for the current legislative session.

In addition, Stamas serves as a member of the Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee, and Vice Chair of the committee on Senior Citizens and Veteran Affairs.

Stamas represents taxpayers in Crawford, Alcona, Alpena, Gladwin, Iosco, Midland, Oscoda, Montmorency, Otsego and Oscoda counties.

Challenged with a \$1.5 billion state budget deficit, Stamas said his main concern is the legal responsibility to live within a balanced budget. "I will work with both parties to protect the interests of the taxpayers while facing those responsibilities," Stamas said. "I feel the priorities of both the parties are similar and our first good step was to save revenue sharing for local communities. It was a good first step and a good faith effort."

Revenue sharing includes dollars collected from state sales tax, distributed to counties, cities and townships. Cuts in revenue sharing were minimal for fiscal year 2003, saving many a county budget, including that of Crawford County.

Stamas urged his constituents all along to contact him regarding any state issues or concerns. He has held office hours in six locations within the 36th District thus far this year, including a March 14 stop in Grayling at the county courthouse.

Stamas said the majority of

questions he has received around areas of northern Lower Michigan concern school and Medicaid funding.

The senator's first bill, introduced January 14, deals with eliminating intrusive election campaign phone calls. Senate Bill 3 would require phone calls made during elections must state who is paying for the call and, if the candidate's committee has not given authorization in writing, the phone message must include, "Not authorized by a candidate committee."

The bill also specifies that if candidate does approve of the call, the message must include an authorization statement. It has been referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Most recently, Stamas' Senate Bill 180, barring state agencies from using 900 numbers, thus charging callers for public information, passed out of the Senate Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs and was passed unanimously by the full Senate. The bill now awaits House approval.

Constituents and others with questions may contact Senator Stamas at his legislative office by calling toll-free 1-866-305-2136 or via e-mail at: OfcTStamas@senate.michigan.gov; or by writing: Senator Tony Stamas, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536.

## GHS earns perfect score on inspection

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School Board learned Grayling High School received the highest possible rating in all 173 applicable criteria during a recent inspection conducted by the school's insurer.

The inspection is a safety inspection which duplicates an in-house safety inspection held yearly. This outside inspection

helps ensure that all areas are maintained as safely as possible.

The inspection covered a range of conditions from general policies and procedures, to specific criteria for areas as diverse as the boiler room, science labs, athletic fields, the auditorium, offices, general classrooms to the bus garage and bus drivers.

Board President Karl Schreiner said he was very pleased with the results.

## Snowmobile accident kills Warren resident

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A 56-year old downstate man died early Saturday morning after crashing his snowmobile on the Blue Bear Trail in Frederic Township.

According to Michigan State Troopers out of the Houghton Lake Post, Ramond William Amato of Warren appeared to have lost control of his Yamaha snowmobile on a curve around 1 a.m. March 15, causing him to

leave the machine and crash headfirst into a tree.

Amato suffered massive head injuries, although he was wearing a helmet. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Troopers were assisted by Frederic Township Volunteer Fire and Rescue personnel and Mobile Medical Response personnel.

An investigation of the accident continues by Houghton Lake Post State Troopers.



## Stamas discusses rural health issues

► Medicaid, shortage of health care workers topics of discussion

GRAYLING — State Senator Tony Stamas (R-Midland), representing Michigan's 36th District, visited with Mercy Hospital Grayling Board Members, Administration, Auxiliary, and representatives of Trinity Health during a recent tour of the hospital.

Hospital CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak provided an overview of Trinity Health and Mercy Hospital Grayling during the February 24 visit. Discussion centered on four legislative issues of immediate concern -- Certificate of Need, Medicaid, the shortage of health care professionals, and Trauma Commission.

On the Medicaid issue, two key recommendations were presented to Sen. Stamas. He was urged to spare rural hospitals from budget cut impacts and to reinstate Rural Health Initiative monies. As the Chair of the six-member Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Health, Sen. Stamas is in a key position within the State



Photo courtesy of Mercy Hospital Grayling

Gathered for the recent visit of Sen. Tony Stamas were, from left, Mercy Hospital Grayling (MHG) Board member Paul Lerg, MHG CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, Sen. Stamas, Trinity Health Vice President for Advocacy Nancy Baerwaldt, MHG Auxiliary member Ken Eldridge, MHG Board member Joe Porter, and MHA representative for Trinity Health Brett Marr.

Legislature.

Following the discussion of legislative issues, Sen. Stamas visited the hospital's Emergency Department, Radiology and Mercy Manor.

"The primary reason for Sen. Stamas' visit was for him to gain

further understanding of Mercy Hospital Grayling and the issues that we face as a rural hospital in northern Michigan," said Riemer-Matuzak. "We are delighted that Sen. Stamas and Mercy Hospital Grayling will be working together to keep rural

health care issues in the forefront in Lansing."

The 36th Congressional District includes the counties of Crawford, Otsego, Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, Iosco, Ogemaw, Gladwin, Oscoda, and Midland.

## Rural hospitals face steeper financial obstacles

by Luke Pickelman  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Rural hospitals around the state are struggling to help find solutions to Michigan's budget crisis.

Meanwhile, about \$97 million in federal support has been chopped from Michigan hospitals for 2003, and it may get worse, said Laura Appel, senior director of legislative policy for the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

"They're talking about another [federal] cut," she said. "When will it stop?"

The state's Medicaid program will suffer the most from the budget woes. This year, Michigan will spend \$7.2 billion on Medicaid for about 1.2 million people. Of this, the federal government pays for 55 percent -- the rest falls on the shoulders of state taxpayers.

Because small and rural hospitals have more elderly patients -- and thus more Medicare than Medicaid business -- they many not be hit as hard as hospitals in urban areas that see more Medicaid patients, Appel said.

But the funding cuts hurt everyone. Rural communities tend to be more economically depressed and have more unemployment and lower incomes than cities and suburbs. Hospitals in rural areas are thus "safety

nets," treating patients regardless of their ability to pay.

The underfunding of programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, an increasing number of uninsured families and a dwindling number of health care workers are taking their toll on rural hospitals and seriously affecting their ability to continue to serve their communities.

"The people who are served by these health care providers deserve to know that their community hospital is facing real financial hardship," said MHA President Spencer Johnson. "The MHA is committed to getting that message to those who can make a difference."

The state's rural hospitals in 2001 provided more than \$143 million worth of uncompensated care -- treatment not covered by Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance -- and that amount is sure to grow, Johnson said.

In February, leaders from nearly 100 rural hospitals met for a Small and Rural Hospital Conference in Lansing. The group worked to develop creative solutions to meet the fiscal challenges of the state budget.

"Everybody is trying to figure out what to do," Appel said. For example, many hospitals plan to shut down some units and "get back to the basics of patient care."

Units that usually come into question are rehabilitation and home health care, Appel said. Also, community activities intended to educate people about their own health will become more common.

Recruiting health care professionals is also important, Appel said.

"Even the most rural of hospitals has great technology," she said. "There is a need to attract workers."

The MHA is pessimistic about

federal relief, Appel said. The state's situation is not unique and is hard to attract attention to.

"I was in Washington last month asking for help," she said. Community education and involvement are key to the survival of small and rural hospitals, Johnson said.

"Communities must become better informed about the economic and social value of their local hospitals before these facilities are forced to close their doors," he said.

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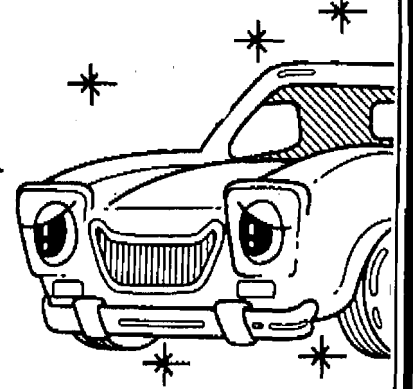
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Board members Marilyn Rosi and Carol Ramaswamy voted against the mandatory testing. Both stressed they knew there was a problem with teenage

drinking and were not necessarily opposed to the testing. But, the two felt they did not have enough time to make a reasoned and thoughtful decision, thus were forced to vote no.



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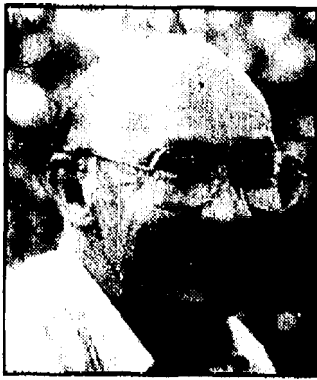
Backpacks for books are recommended because they help distribute the weight evenly. So is good posture -- standing erect, walking at a good pace, and keeping the stomach in.

If your child's body is out of balance, however, sooner or later you can expect him to complain of persistent aches in his back or other parts of his body. This may suggest a possible spinal or pelvic problem that needs correction. Pain-killing drugs can reduce this discomfort, but they won't cure the cause. What may be needed is treatment to properly align the spine and sacroiliac and instruction in how to maintain good posture and good health.

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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

### Campaign against all things French is childish

WE AMERICANS are a strange conglomeration of individuals.

Consider the current fetish to condemn all things with any connection, no matter how tenuous, with France or the word "French."

Why? Because the French government leads the opposition to American attempts at the United Nations to sanction military action against Iraq.

How dare France do such a thing? We'll show them.

Late night talk show hosts and stand up comics make jokes about France, raking over old, cold derogatory nationalistic stereotypes about the France and French people.

A radio station in Las Vegas crushed photos of French President Jacques Chirac, copies of the French flag, a Paris travel guide, and bottles of French wine.

Another easy target has been that staple of American diets -- French fried potatoes.

The restaurant at the US House of Representatives in Washington recently banned French fried potatoes from the

menu. Instead busy capitol types will have to be satisfied with "Freedom Fries." So did assorted restaurants around the country.

Columnist Maureen Dowd reports retailers are busy covering over the labels on French dressing and French vanilla yogurt.

In Florida, owner of a West Palm Beach restaurant claims to have dumped his entire stock of French wine and champagne into the street.

Also in Palm Beach, a county commissioner tried to block public contracts with French related firms.

And then there are French toast, French cheeses, French pastries, French mineral water ..... the list goes on and on.

I suppose we're going to have to replace French doors next, and a ban on French kissing may be close behind.

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ALL OF THIS is silly, of course.

More serious is a proposal by a member of congress that the government pay to bring back to the United States the

remains of US service personnel buried in France, if relatives request it.

Even more sobering is that requests for disinterment and reburial of war casualties back in the United States reportedly have been made.

In some ways, it's ironic that the anti-French movement has been sparked by France's steadfastness against repeated American attempts to make Saddam Hussein toe the mark.

Most polls show a substantial portion of the American public don't go along with what is perceived to be President Bush's headlong rush to an early war against Iraq.

In other words, many Americans agree more with the French than with the Americans.

Should the French be castigated when their point of view is shared by millions of Americans -- but not American political leadership?

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PALM BEACH County Commissioner Burt Aaronson, who has spearheaded much of the anti-French

siliness in his area, explained his opposition:

"We've left thousands of our men and women over in France, underground. It's quite possible that if we didn't send our troops there, the French people would all be speaking German."

Keep in mind that voters in Palm Beach County a couple years ago couldn't figure out how to read the butterfly ballot, nor how to punch a chad all the way out of a ballot.

It's quite true many American troops died in France during World War I, fighting side by side with French troops against Kaiser Wilhelm's Germany, and thousands more were killed in France during World War II, helping to liberate France on their way to crushing Adolf Hitler's Germany.

But as others have pointed out, in both wars the American military services to France were incidental to the larger goal of defeating the common German enemy.

Historians of an earlier era also have pointed out that help by France at certain

stages of the American Revolution was crucial to the United States' emergence as a nation.

In other words, in counter to Florida's Comm. Aaronson, if it had not been for France's help during our revolutionary period, Americans today might be singing "God Save the Queen" rather than "The Star Spangled Banner."

As for the boycott of French fried potatoes (which are a product of Belgium, not France), French toast, French dressing, and other such targets, let's hold off for a while.

Russia and Germany have been regular in their support of France's lead opposing American-backed war resolutions at the UN.

Only when boycott backers start dumping German beer and Russian vodka down the sewers should we even consider taking this thing seriously.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

## EDITOR

### VIEWPOINT

by Ronald F. Conley,  
National Commander  
The American Legion

### President has done everything possible

I am convinced that President Bush has done everything possible to disarm Iraq peacefully. No one wants war. Those of us who have seen the face of war do not want to see such horror again -- not for our families -- and not for the families of others.

The President has demonstrated patience and resolve in facing the threat of potential terrorist attacks by those armed with weapons of mass destruction. The United States of America must face facts: some things are worth fighting for and our freedom and security are paramount.

At such a critical time in our nation's history, I call on all Americans to show support for our men and women in uniform. Show your colors once again by flying the American flag with pride and the purpose of national unity.

Join with others in prayer for those in uniform. Look for Blue Star Service Banners in home windows everywhere. This rekindled tradition reminds us that the war on terrorism touches every street and country lane in the land. I am proud of the 2.8 million members of The American Legion who have worked to bring this humble tradition back to life.

In a private letter to President Bush late last week I wrote, "When you hear voices of appeasement, remember scripture teaches that 'He shall direct our paths.' We veterans know war is not always avoidable. Scripture also teaches us, 'to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven... a time of war, and a time of peace... and God doeth it that men should fear before him.' The American Legion kneels with you and those in uniform and stands beside you, shoulder to shoulder, for God and country."

The American Legion provides support for the families of those deployed through its Family Support Network. There are many ways to show your support for our troops.

Visit our web site at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) for more information.

### Frederic school issue should be revisited

To the editor,

As Governor Granholm has determined that she will not withhold funds from Michigan schools, it is only reasonable that the issue of Frederic Elementary should be revisited.

It would be prudent for the school board and business manager to re-examine their financial projections for next year.

Margaret Partello  
Frederic

### Third time's the charm

To the editor,

We believe the opportunity for Grayling to grow and move forward will be enhanced by the Grayling City Council unanimously approving the proposed Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The information session held on March 12 was very informative and positive for the council members and concerned citizens. In addition to GUDA (Grayling Uptown District Association), GPA (Grayling Promotional Association), and many talented and concerned individuals, we believe the DDA will become a viable and useful tool for Grayling's future prosperity.

Not only do we operate a business in Grayling, we reside in the proposed DDA District. There were a number of reasons why we moved to Grayling -- the environment, AuSable River, and

the great people -- but mostly for our and Grayling's overall potential.

This small community is recognized by local, regional, national and international visitors as being a focal point of wonderful activities and businesses. The present and future opportunities can be enhanced by our forward-looking citizens and city government and the passage of DDA.

We encourage contacting our City Council members -- Thomas Wellman, Jerry Hayes, Roger Moshier, Dennis Palmer, Mayor Dave Wyman, and City Manager Allen Lowe to voice your support for the establishment of a DDA for Grayling.

Doug Meroney  
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### We can love our country... and still be against the war

To the editor,

Why is it that any citizen not in favor of a pre-emptory military attack on a small sovereign nation, half a world away, is portrayed as "unAmerican," "not supporting our troops," "cowardly" or "pro-terrorist?" Isn't it possible that a person can fully support our country's principles and military personnel, without supporting government policies which put those very principles and soldiers in peril?

No one refutes that Saddam Hussein is a bad man, and very likely has weapons which pose a threat to his immediate neighbors and to the United States. But if potential for harming America is our sole criteria for starting wars, then that logic also applies in reverse.

North Korea, or any other country, would be justified in attacking the United States based upon what we might do. To put it another way, if I know my neighbor doesn't like me, if he has stated publicly that he doesn't like me and wishes me ill, and

I know that he owns guns, am I then justified in breaking into his house and slaughtering him and his family? It is a terrible precedent to set.

If your justification for this particular war is that Iraq is home to terrorists, then you'd also better be prepared to start bombing North Korea, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Palestine, Israel, and Buffalo, New York.

The United States is not governed by international law. But the United States should not be blind to international sentiment, either. Our current cowboy mentality towards American foreign policy weakens not only any sense of international cooperation, but also makes America more vulnerable to future attacks.

Lastly, please consider how you wish to pay for this particular war. While for decades the Democratic Party has been labeled the party of "tax and spend," I find it ironic that the Republican Party has, for 20

years, become the party of "slash taxes, roll up deficits, and let the next guy fix it."

Would you like a tax increase? Eliminate all public education? Stop Social Security? Or, take the Reagan/Bush/Engler route and put it on your children's tab? How about putting it on your Visa card?

This would please all in favor of war because call the White House with your Visa card number today: you will be told the total cost of this expenditure when you receive your future statements.

It is possible to love America, to have profound respect for those willing to serve our country in its armed forces, and still disagree with what our government is doing in our name. We are fortunate to live in the greatest nation in the world, but that doesn't mean that our government policies are always moral or justifiable.

Kevin Garrity  
Grayling

### Both sides seek peace

To the editor,

My heart is full! I can barely imagine the disaster that is about to break the world apart; to literally blow it apart.

I can barely let myself imagine the terror that is about to rain down on the Iraqi people, their families, their children. Even the threatening presence of thousands of foreign planes overhead is terror already begun.

I believe that our action will boomerang and we will experience the greatest amount of ter-

ror on Americans in our country and abroad that we have ever known.

Yes, it was wrong and horrific that over 3,000 people were killed and families torn apart on September 11, 2001. We must never forget. But who was the enemy? Not the people of Iraq. And, retaliation never creates greater, long-lasting safety.

I think it is important to realize that those who criticize the ones protesting the war and those of us who are protesting the war

with Iraq have some common goals. We both want peace and we both support our troops. Our differences lie in how to accomplish those goals.

We all love our country and want it to be strong. The differences lie in how we think our country should be using its might.

Contact your senators and representatives.

Lorna Morse  
Grayling

### 'A Present Peril'

Another war - another time  
When casualties begin to climb.  
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Across the sea, on desert sand.

Again, it's very much the same,  
A power-seeking man's to blame.  
He'll cause the world to cower, once more,  
From evil forces at our door.

The 'winds of war' will take their toll -  
affecting all, both young and old,  
Our eager youth (the first in line)  
And all the others left behind.

All peaceful nations that exist,  
Must join together to resist  
This 'present peril' drawing close  
To everything that we love most.

Dreadful events may come along,  
They'll test our faith, but leave us strong.  
The world's in turmoil, gripped by fear -  
Be thankful God is always near...

Joan Dickerson-Peters©  
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# BRIEFS

## Key Club holds drive for River House

The Grayling High School Key Club is conducting a Hygiene Product Drive, March 17-27, to collect donations of shampoo, body soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, feminine products, toilet paper, facial tissue, deodorant, and mouthwash. Drop boxes are located at Mercy Hospital Grayling, the Crawford County Courthouse, and the Grayling High School Main Office. Key Club members will also be collecting these items at Glen's Family Market in Grayling on Saturday, March 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All items collected will be donated to the River House Shelter Domestic Violence and Crisis Services in Grayling.

## Red Cross blood drive scheduled

Volunteer donors are the only source of blood products for hospital patients. That is why community participation in blood drives is critical. Help fulfill the need for blood for by participating in an American Red Cross blood drive at Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH), from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., on Thursday, March 27. OMH requests appointments for each blood donor participating. Call (989) 731-2216 to make an appointment. OMH is located at 825 North Center Avenue in Gaylord.

## Teens for Christ to perform locally

Grayling Free Methodist Church, located at 6352 West M-72 in Grayling (across from the Comfort Center), will host "Teens for Christ" on Sunday, March 23; worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend as this high school ministry group ministers to the congregation. For more information, call 348-9093.

## Library hosts book reading, signing

Roscommon author, Ida Mae Ireland, will discuss self-publishing and read selections of her book, *From Ashes: A Deep Canyon Tale*, a romantic novel of the West, at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street in Grayling, on Thursday, March 20 at 4 p.m. Ireland will also autograph books.

## Help by buying African crafts, jewelry

St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling and the African Team Ministries have teamed together to offer handcrafted articles and jewelry for sale to raise funds to provide Anglican Dioceses in East Africa with orphan support, aid to refugees, clean water, medical care, church repairs, and training for the laity. Items for sale include wood carvings from Kenya, numerous pieces of jewelry containing precious stones mined in Africa, plates, vases, baskets, and many more items from Kenya. Items will be offered for sale two Sundays -- March 16 and 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 West in Grayling. For more information, contact Charlotte Mosel at 344-2221.

## Stuart Little takes the stage soon

Crosstrails Community Theater will present "Stuart Little," the first stage production of this season this weekend at Kalkaska High School. Performances are Friday, March 21 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 22 with a 2 p.m. matinee and at 8 p.m. The following weekend, performances will be offered at the Concord Academy Antrim Community Arts Auditorium in Mancelona on Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 29 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. For ticket information, call the Pathways Art Council at (231) 258-8697 or 258-2979. This event is sponsored by Pathways Arts Council, with funding from Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

## Grayling women bowlers to meet

The Grayling Women's Bowling Association meeting will be held March 25 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Tournament money will be distributed and election of officers will be held. Please attend.

## Scholarship offered for seniors interested in a small business career

The Michigan State Director of National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Charles Owens, announced today that the application deadline for the 2003 Free Enterprise Scholars Awards has been extended to March 31. The NFIB awards are offered to high school seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit and initiative.

The scholarship is open to students across the nation and is the first of many which the NFIB Education Foundation will implement to encourage young people to consider a career in small business.

The Free Enterprise Scholars Award program will award a minimum of 100 non-renewable scholarships, each for \$1,000. Eligibility is limited to those entering their freshman year of

an accredited two- or four- year university/college, community college or vocational/technical institute. Each applicant must obtain the nomination of an NFIB member.

Students interested in the award will be asked to demonstrate their entrepreneurial achievement by answering a short, personal question defining their efforts. Applicants will also compose an essay about the importance of free enterprise and provide standardized test scores, GPA, and class rank. As a general guideline, students should rank in the top quarter to receive serious consideration.

Applications are available online at [www.nfibeducationfoundation.org](http://www.nfibeducationfoundation.org).

For more information call Laura Martin at 1-800-NFIB-NOW.

## Nominate a 'Kind Kid' in 10th annual contest

Do you know a kind kid who does exceptional things for animals? Nominate that outstanding child for American Humane and Kibbles'n Bits, 9Lives, Pounce, and Pup-Peroni's Be Kind to Animals Kid Contest.

This award is given each year to children selected through a national competition who have demonstrated an unusual dedication to the welfare of an animal or animals.

The nominees are divided into two age groups, six to nine and 10 to 13 years of age. Judges will select one grand prize winner and two runners-up from each age group.

Each grand prize winner will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship, provided by the sponsoring product company. All winners and runners-up will receive a special prize package, including a one-year supply of pet food and snacks, and media exposure. They will also be featured on the American Humane web site at [www.americanhumane.org](http://www.americanhumane.org).

Those who nominate individuals must be 18 years of age or older and must have written permission from the child's legal guardian. Simply type or print in 200 words or less, why this youngster deserves to win.

Include the name, home address, and phone number of both the nominator and the child. Photos, videos, or other supporting materials are encouraged.

Nominations must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2003.

Complete contest rules and nomination forms can be obtained from the American Humane web site at the address listed above or by calling 1-800-227-4645, ext. 436.

"Kids and pets have always had a special bond," said Todd Lachman, managing director of Del Monte Pet Products, maker of the contest sponsoring products. "We're proud to sponsor this year's celebration and hope these special kids inspire individuals of all ages to share their love and affection for our animal friends."

The 2003 Be Kind to Animals Kid Contest winners will be announced during American Humane "Be Kind to Animals Week," May 4-10. The special week is promoted nationally by American Humane.

Founded in 1877, American Humane is the nation's only national organization dedicated to both child and animal protection.

## Free MSU-E classes focus on building teen assets

The Crawford County MSU Extension Office is offering a series of classes on "Building Strong Adolescents." This is a new program, written by Michigan State University, which is based on Search Institute's Asset Development.

Parents, grandparents, guardians, and everyone who interacts with teens and pre-teens are encouraged to attend the adult session, exploring topics such as boundaries, consequences, encouragement, and support.

Teens and pre-teens will meet at the same time, focusing on increasing their personal assets.

## Lecture will cover rights of MS sufferers

Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation in Petoskey and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society are offering a lecture for people diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

Attorney Ina Cohen will discuss the rights and answer questions on legal issues for individuals with MS (Multiple Sclerosis) at the lecture scheduled for Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center, 360 Connable Avenue in Petoskey.

Admission to the lecture is \$5 payable at the door. Registration is required due to limited seating. Call HealthAccess at 1-800-248-6777 to reserve seats.

## Sign language workshop offered this weekend

Kirtland Community College is sponsoring its 16th annual American Sign Language Deaf Awareness workshop, March 22-23, at the MacMullan Conference Center on Higgins Lake.

Cost for the workshop is \$150, which includes lodging and four meals (\$75 Saturday only) and \$100 for the deaf and hard of hearing (\$35 Saturday only).

Add \$10 for registration at the door.

For more information, phone Kirtland ASL instructor Brenda Dawe at (989) 275-5000, ext. 419, or e-mail her at [daweb@kirtland.edu](mailto:daweb@kirtland.edu).

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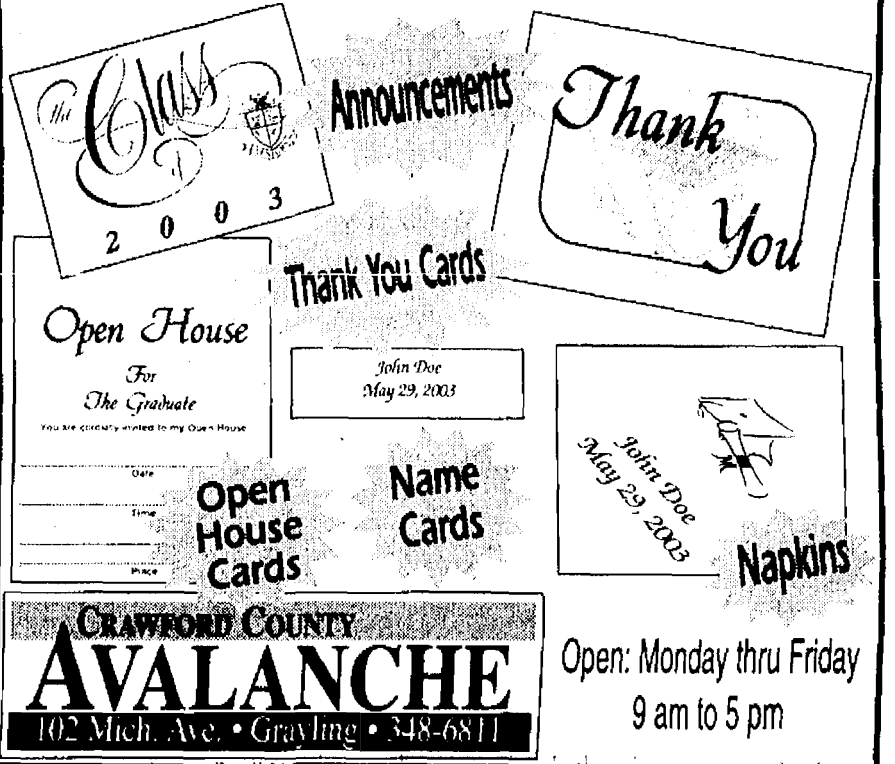
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(March 14) is Ann Doty of Grayling.

**Grayling Rotary Pot of Gold**  
Pot of Gold winners for March are: \$100 - Marsha Hadden; \$50 - Dave Dubriwny; \$25 - Chris Ostwald.



# The Bible Speaks

## Freedom or Tyranny

The future of freedom in this world rests upon the will and action of two countries, Israel and America. Islamic terrorists have a saying, first we get the Saturday people, then we get the Sunday people. Jews worship on Saturday as their Sabbath and Christians worship on Sunday as their Lord's Day. As Israel goes, so goes America, and as America goes, so goes the world.

Liberals everywhere in the world believe Israel and America are inherently greedy and evil; therefore they blame us for most world problems. Most liberals have a mental problem facing objective truth. They believe orthodox Jews and Christians control the power and wealth of the world, therefore any war must be their fault, and never the fault of their enemies. Liberals believe envy and jealousy of us by the peoples of the world are justified because we refuse to share our power and wealth with them. Liberals side with the world against us because they have personal guilt feelings living with and being identified with Jews and Christians. They believe utopia will only arrive on earth when we have allowed global government to equally distribute all our power and wealth throughout the world.

Liberals challenge our unalienable right to liberty by pushing to control what we eat, wear, think, say, drive or generally do as citizens. They undermine our unalienable

right to life by pushing abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. They challenge our unalienable right to the pursuit of happiness by penalizing the fruits of our labors through government redistribution of wealth. PETA is now directly attacking white males as the primary cause of even animal suffering and abuse. In fact, liberals claim they can trace almost every problem we have back to dead white males.

Funny they can't credit any of these dead white males for some of our blessings? Michael Savage in his book, "The Savage Nation - Saving America from the Liberal Assault on Our Borders, Language, and Culture" reminds us of some inventions which bless us: "Trains, planes, cars, rockets, telescopes, tires, telephones, radios, television, electricity, atomic energy, computers, and fax machines. All miracles made possible by the minds and spirits of men with names like Ampere, Bell, Caselli, Edison, Ohm, Faraday, Einstein, Fleming, Cohen, Teller, Shockley, Hertz, Marconi, Morse, Popov, Ford, Volta, Michelin, Dunlop, Watt, Diesel, Galileo, and other dead white males."

Savage asked the same question about our national security: "Where would America's national defense be without the great Jewish minds of Einstein, Teller, and Cohen? Einstein, of course, gave us the Theory of Relativity; Edward Teller

gave us the H-bomb; and Sam Cohen gave us the neutron bomb."

God promised His people in Gen. 12:3: "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Our obedience to God's word assures us of His blessing in Gen 22:18: "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice." History gives proof God has made us free and blessed us abundantly. Pastor "B"

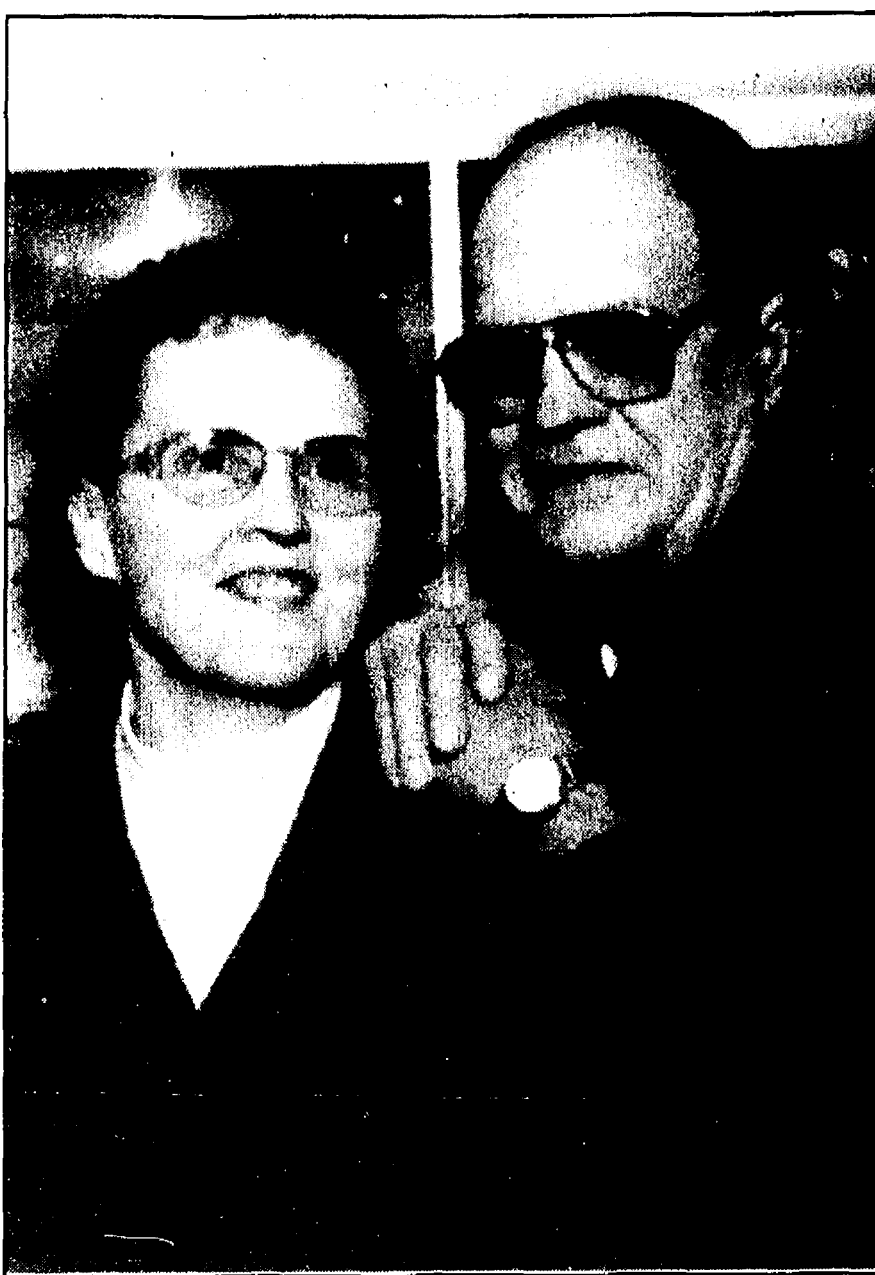
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## Baldwin, Pamarzynski to wed



Nancy Baldwin and Frank Pamarzynski

The families and friends of Nancy Baldwin wish to announce Nancy's engagement to Frank Pamarzynski. Nancy is the daughter of the late Robert and Beatrice Baldwin of Frederic. Frank is the son of the late Albert and Lottie Pamarzynski of Gaylord. A June wedding is being planned.

## Jazz octet to perform

As part of the Michigan State University Sesquicentennial Celebration, the college's Jazz Octet I will be performing at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Kirtland Community College in Roscommon on Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m.

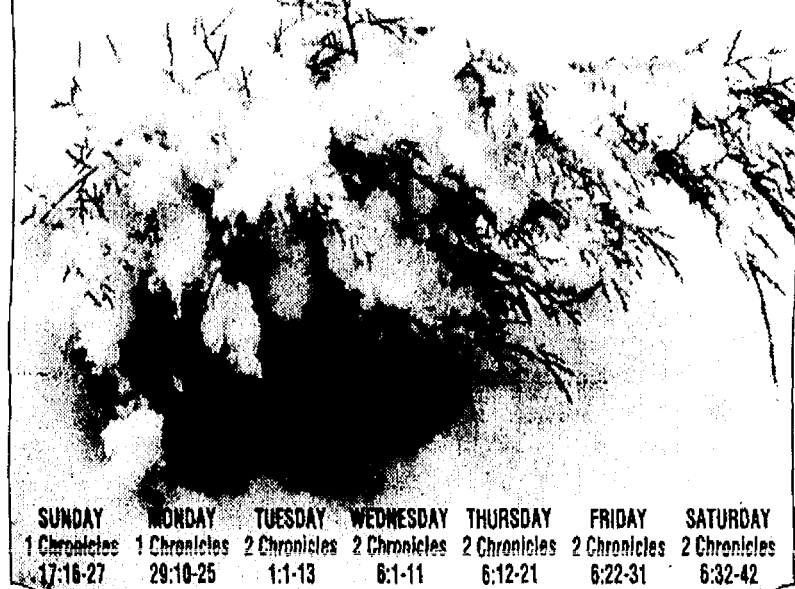
Adult/Senior tickets are priced at \$8 each and student tickets are priced at \$4 each and are available by calling the Kirtland Ticket Office at (989) 275-6777.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following 48 complaints during the period from March 9 - 16:

Two civil complaints, one breaking and entering, two larcenies, four assist other departments, four alarms, one suspicious situation, four disturbing the peace, 18 unclassified, one attempt to locate, four juveniles, four traffic accidents, one motorist assist and two traffic warnings.

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Do you every feel that life could not possibly hold any goodness for you...that you cannot dig out from under your circumstances? Yet, the same God that brings spring from depths of winter can bring light and warmth to your life, no matter how hopeless you feel.

Visit God's House this Sabbath. Plant your seed of faith. Spring will come to your soul sooner than you think...and you will blossom.

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Bible Study (Wed).....10:30am

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Pastor Jeff Arthur  
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Services held Saturday at  
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(1st building on right inside camp entrance)

Church Service.....9:30 am

Sabbath School.....10:30 am

Saturday.....10:30 am

Prayer Meeting.....7 pm

### Lovells Chapel

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Sunday School.....10 am

Chapel Service.....11 am

Wednesday.....7-8 pm

### Free Methodist Joseph Carpenter - Pastor

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Early Service.....8:30 am

Sunday School.....10 am

Morning Service.....11 am

Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

### Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ

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Adult and Youth

Sunday School.....9:30 am

### Heritage Baptist

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Sunday School.....9:45 am

Morning Worship.....11 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday.....7 pm

### Grayling Assembly of God Interim Pastor Robert Bradley

701 S. I-75 Business Loop

Church 348-8885

Parsonage 348-1457

Sunday School.....9:30 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Evening Service.....6 pm

Wednesday - Family Night

Adult-Youth-Children.....7 pm

The Church of Christ

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Pastor Paul Rolfe

7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic

Sunday

Worship.....10 am & 7 pm

Wed. Prayer Service.....7 pm

### The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

President David Page  
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord

Sacrament.....10 am

Sunday School.....11 am

Sunday School.....11 am

Priesthood.....12 noon

Relief Society.....12 noon

### Burning Bush Tabernacle

Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278

501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

Sunday School.....10 am

Sunday Service &

Children's Church.....11 am

Sunday Evening Service.....6 pm

Morning Prayer Meeting.....7 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

### St. John Lutheran (ELCA)

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710 Spruce Street

348-5224

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Sunday Worship.....10:30 am

### Community of Christ

Pastor Carol Stephan

North Down River Rd. at

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Church School.....9:45 am

Preaching.....11 am

Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm

Friendship Church

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Morning Worship.....11 am

Tue. Women's Bible Study.....10 am

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Family Mass.....10:00 am

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(Sundays).....9:15 am

Daily Masses.....8:30 am

Wednesday & Fridays.....8:30 am

### First Baptist Church of Frederic

Pastor Dale Hammond

Sunday School.....9:45 am

Morning Worship.....11 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

### St. Francis Episcopal

M-72 West

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Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Mid-Week Services

Wednesday.....7 pm

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### Abundant Life Tabernacle

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348-5325

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Worship.....11 am & 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

### Grayling Baptist Church

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Pastor Terry Colby

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Sunday School.....9:45 am



## Critics pan protection plan for Upper Manistee, Pine Rivers

by Corbin Sullivan  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- There's no debate over the need to protect Michigan's wild rivers. Instead the controversy lies in how strictly they are to be protected.

At the urging of local and statewide conservation groups, the Department of Natural Resources has started the process of resurrecting the 33-year-old Natural Rivers Act to protect stretches of the Upper Manistee and Pine rivers' watersheds.

Both rivers flow through the northern part of the Lower Peninsula, in Crawford, Antrim, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Osceola, Lake and Manistee counties.

Andy Guy, an organizer with the Michigan Land Use Institute in Beulah, said the rivers have been the subject of discussion for the past few years.

"The Pine and Upper Manistee are two of the last remaining wild and wooded rivers in the Lower Peninsula," Guy said. "They were chosen for the honor of Natural Rivers designation because of their superior water quality, rich fish and wildlife habitat, and increasingly unique natural beauty."

The primary opponents of the designation are property owners along the rivers. They don't dispute the need to protect these rivers, but they're protesting the specific conservation measures mandated under the Natural Rivers Act.

Jeff Kea, a leader of the opposition, said that designation under the Natural Rivers Act would be undemocratic. "The plan appears to be little more than a further erosion of property rights and a definite shift of local government control within the river district to a state agency," Kea owns property in the Frederic Township along the Upper Manistee north of Grayling.

The Natural Rivers Act was passed in 1970 as "a reaction to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act passed by the federal government," said Steve Sutton, the Michigan natural rivers program manager for the DNR.

"The federal legislation didn't really affect private property, so the state act gave greater authority to regulate public and private land."

Fourteen rivers covering 1,698 miles have been protected since 1970, but none have been added since 1988.

Sutton said the law doesn't take away private property rights and allows some shoreline development. It requires landowners to include valuable river protections — limited vegetation removal and septic regulations — in their plans for construction.

The other restriction is a construction setback from the shore of the designated rivers.

"There would be a development setback of 150 feet from the shore of the Upper Manistee, and possibly the Pine," Sutton said.

He emphasized the importance of the designation, not just for humans, but also for the environment:

"It's not just for aesthetic value. The most critical land in a watershed to protect is right at the water's edge. Most of the studies that we refer to talk about 100 feet being the magic number."

The shore setback raises the ire of local property owners such as Kea, and some in the Legislature.

"They lose the right to build up along the water, and that's what they oppose," Sutton said.

House Speaker Rick Johnson, R-Le Roy, is a strong part of the opposition, arguing mainly against infringement on property rights.

Johnson press secretary Matt Resch said, "Johnson supports the preservation of our state's natural rivers, but he believes property owners should be able to use that land in any way they see fit."

Resch cited Johnson's farming background and connection to the area as reasons for his concern. Johnson does not own land along either river under consideration.

More localized political action against the designation of the Pine and Upper Manistee has had an effect in area townships. Local property rights advocates have formed a group called Repair and Interest Versus Environmental Regulations, or RIVER, to raise awareness about the perceived threat to property rights.

In cooperation with RIVER and activists such as Kea, several townships including Grayling and Terry Wright said that area residents are not against keeping the rivers pristine and natural, but the Natural Rivers Act makes protection too costly and difficult.

"We are good stewards of the Natural Rivers Act in Grayling, with the AuSable River already being protected," Wright said, "But there are a couple of problems that make the designation of the Upper Manistee unreasonable."

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said that area residents are not against keeping the rivers pristine and natural, but the Natural Rivers Act makes protection too costly and difficult.

Wright said he doesn't regard the Upper Manistee as "natural" in the sense that the act wants to protect it. "It's too developed already."

He stressed that the Natural Rivers Act, as written, is too restrictive. "It will be a nightmare for the township to enforce,"

Wright said. "People are already coming to the township weekly to break the rules for the AuSable."

The property restrictions would not only be too strict, but they would affect future uses of the river itself, according to Wright.

"People want to use the river, and I think they should be allowed to use it for any purpose. The more that can use it, the better for our economy."

DNR program director Sutton agrees that the regulations will affect future river use.

"Commercial watercraft will be regulated indirectly," Sutton said. "There's language in the plan that will not allow new canoe liveries or expansion of existing canoe liveries."

"It won't affect fishing or other uses."

Sutton blames hostility toward the DNR and state government for much of the opposition to the designation of the Pine and Upper Manistee.

"The DNR has a reputation in the northern part of the state where everybody fears our existence," Sutton said. "It wouldn't matter if I was handing them \$5 bills and asking them to support the Natural Rivers Act. They still wouldn't trust me."

Statements by adversaries of the designation confirm that the distrust of the DNR is a major factor. Kea called the DNR "an agency with little accountability," and contends the water protection laws already on the books provided enough protection. He wants any regulation to be left to the townships, not to the state.

"Municipalities, if they were to be provided with the same elusive science upon which the plan's zoning is based, could eas-

ily do likewise," Kea said.

Sutton countered that much of the regulation, after the Natural Rivers designation, would still be left to local government. "When the department designates, because these are such large resource issues, we give the responsibility over to the localities," Sutton said.

Over 1,000 miles of the currently designated rivers are managed locally, according to Sutton.

While opposition spreads among northern Lower Peninsula townships, plenty of support remains, Sutton said.

"The Pine River Water Coalition and the Upper Manistee River Association both support designation of the two rivers, and they are both property owner associations."

Some broader state organizations such as the Michigan Environmental Council also back the designation.

"We think the Natural Rivers Act is perfect for those two rivers," said Dave Dempsey, the council's policy advisor. "It's really basic conservation and it doesn't take away property at all. It just preserves the state's most scenic streams and rivers for future use and ecological value."

Both sides of the Natural Rivers Act controversy will get a chance to voice their opinions in a series of 12 hearings throughout the state during the last week in April and the first week in May. The hearings will be concentrated in the northern Lower Peninsula.

"We'll develop our standards with local input," Sutton said. "We're going to take comment, and see what kind of support we have."

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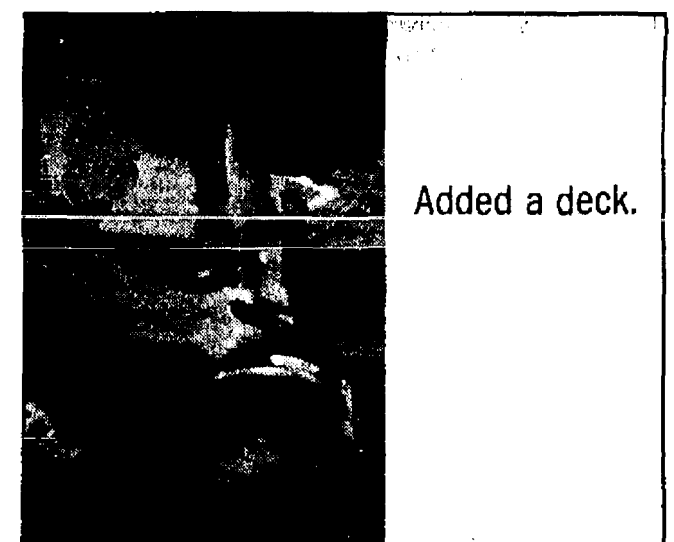
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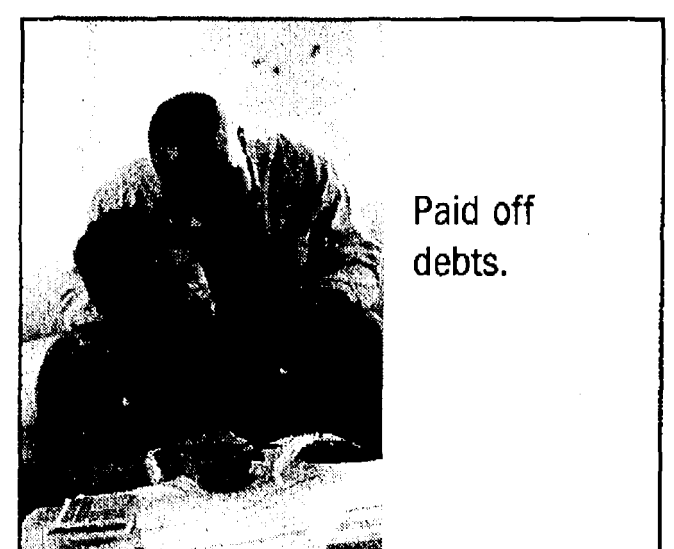
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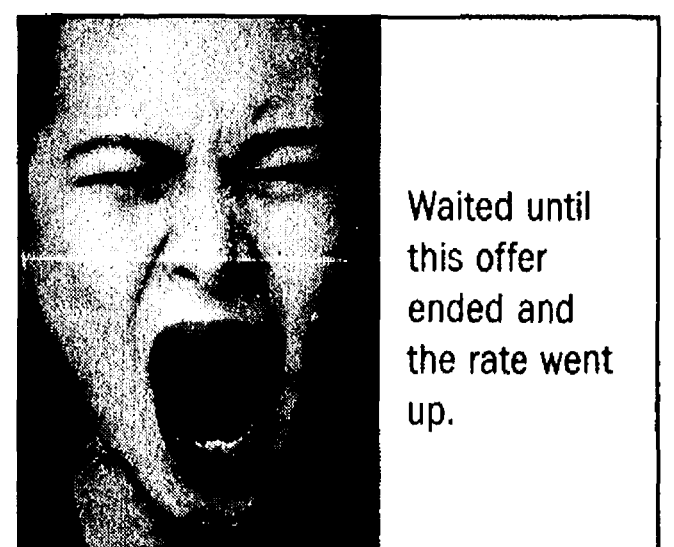
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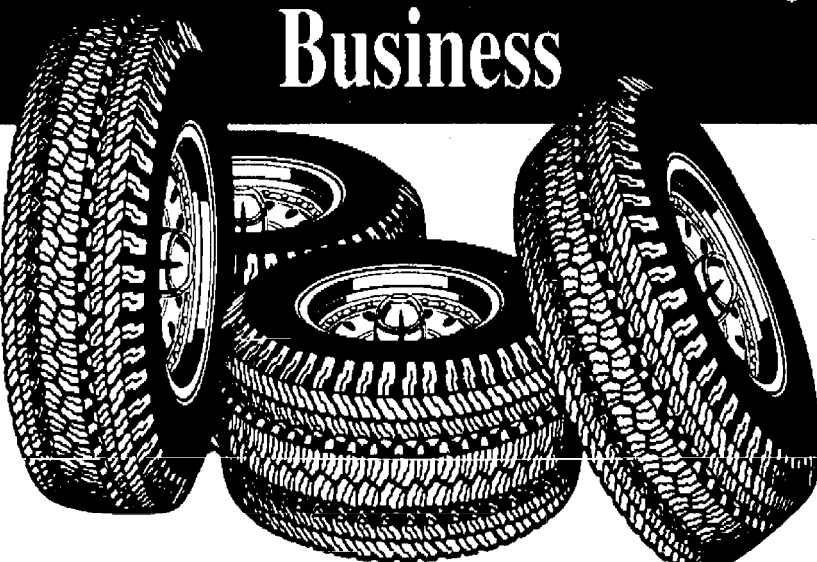
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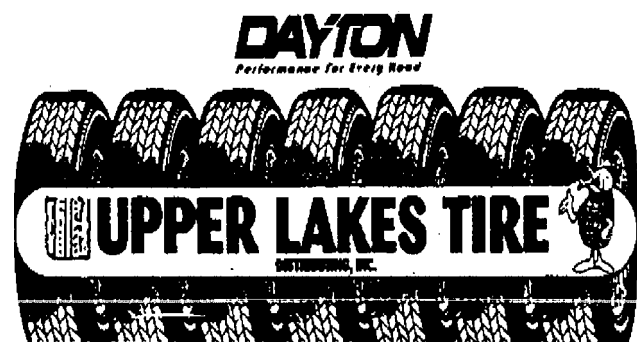
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## New orthopedic center opens in Grayling

Orthopedic surgeons Joseph Yacisen DO and Darius Divina DO are now serving patients at the AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center in Grayling.

The Center opened on March 3 and offers several types of orthopedic services for musculoskeletal conditions, including new minimally invasive arthroscopic surgery of shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, and ankle conditions.

Dr. Yacisen and Dr. Divina provide patients with top quality care of fractures, trauma management, arthritis treatment, ligamentous injuries, and sports medicine issues.

The AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center is located at 1250 East Michigan Avenue, Building D, in Grayling. The center includes exam rooms, a casting room, minor procedure room, and an x-ray room, featuring digital technology.

"We're very proud of our new facility and we look forward to caring for our patients in this new environment," said Dr. Yacisen.

Drs. Divina and Yacisen are on staff at Mercy Hospital Grayling and will be conducting orthopedic surgery there. They will also continue to see patients at Mercy Community Health Center in



Daniel Bertalan, second from right, was the first patient treated at the AuSable Sports Medicine and Joint Center when it opened March 3. Caring for him were, from left, Technician Joe Rasmussen, Dr. Joseph Yacisen, and Dr. Darius Divina.

Prudenville.

Dr. Divina is a graduate of Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in

Pontiac. Dr. Yacisen is a graduate of Nova-Southeastern University in Davies, Florida and completed his internship and residency in orthopedic surgery at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Flint, and Fellowship in

orthopedic sports medicine at New England Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

Drs. Yacisen and Divina are accepting new patients. For an appointment, call (989) 344-BONE (2663).

## GNC to participate in quality initiative project

Grayling Nursing Centre (GNC) has been selected to participate in the Michigan Intensive Group of the national Nursing Home Quality Initiative (NHQI). The project is supported by the federal Centers for Medicare &

Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Michigan Peer Review Organization (MPRO), Michigan's Medicare quality improvement organization.

GNC will join 79 other nursing homes in working on this initiative. During the next two years, the two groups will participate in quality improvement activities and interventions and will share the best practices with other nursing homes throughout Michigan.

Marilyn Heard, the Executive Director states that "we are excited to be a part of this initiative. Our goal at Grayling Nursing Centre is to provide excellent care to our residents and this program will only enhance our abilities as we work with other facilities in this group. We are committed to this quality improvement initiative."

The NHQI focuses on 10 quality measures, selected by CMS,

as significant indicators of a facility's overall quality of care. The Intensive Group will focus on improving three measures: percentage of long-term residents with pain; percentage of short-stay residents with pain; and percentage of long-term residents with pressure sores.

"While we will focus on improving these three measures, our overall goal is to improve the quality of care in all Michigan nursing homes," said Renee Beniak, MPRO Nursing Home Team leader. "We will support both the intensive and the assured learning groups by providing quality improvement tools, technical assistance, and facilitate collaboration and the sharing of best clinical practices within these groups."

CMS provides information on these quality measures for every Medicare and Medicaid certified

nursing home in the United States. This information is available on the Medicare website, [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). (Select Nursing Home Compare), or from its toll-free help line, 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

## HOMETOWN NEWS

Brandi McClain has pledged Phi Alpha Delta, a pre-law co-ed fraternity. Approximately 100 University of Michigan pre-law students rushed Phi Alpha Delta. The fraternity accepted 25 students based on their leadership skills, honors, and professionalism. McClain, a junior, is a pre-law student at the University of Michigan majoring in English and Spanish.

Brandi is the daughter of Dave and Gayle McClain.

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# Service tax idea sparks much criticism

by Sarah McEvilly  
Capital News Service

LANSING -- The state budget crisis has some government agencies looking for ways to increase revenue. One controversial option: tax services from haircuts to dental exams to newspaper ads.

Currently, visits to hair salons and medical offices are not taxed, but in the context of hard times, there are quiet discussions underway about lowering the sales tax on products from 6 percent to 5 percent and adding a 1-percent tax on some of these services. Other services that could potentially be taxed include attorney fees, advertising and entertainment.

"We are no longer a manufacturing-based economy," said Margaret Trimer-Hartley, the director of communications at the Michigan Education Association (MEA). "We have moved into a service and information-based economy."

The MEA helped organize a group dubbed by the media as the Red Cedar Coalition, whose goal is to look at potential sources of revenue to close the budget gap. The coalition, which includes education groups and lawmakers, supports the idea of a service tax.

"We're bringing everything to the table to discuss," said Lu Battaglieri, president of the MEA. "Taxes really equate to the quality of life."

The state school aid fund depends on the sales tax, Trimer-Hartley said. A service tax would bring in additional revenue.

Battaglieri said funding education with the sales tax as Michigan does is "the dumbest thing the state could do" because sales tax is not deductible at the federal level when individuals itemize their deduction. In contrast, local property taxes and

state income taxes are deductible.

The MEA is still debating the concept, and although it's part of the coalition, it hasn't committed itself to the idea.

"We're not doing a whole lot to push this right now," Trimer-Hartley said. "We haven't settled on it as a solution and are still weighing our options. 'We're nowhere near the end of this,' Trimer-Hartley said. "It's a great concept to bat around, though."

So far, it sounds like a good idea to proponents, but not everyone agrees. Education may benefit from the tax, but critics say other government programs will not.

Eric Rule, the director of governmental affairs at the Michigan Retailers Association, said a service tax would hurt businesses in the retail sector because "it increases costs to consumers that they don't owe."

The association is opposed to the tax.

Unlike education, the retail sector wouldn't see any additional revenue from the tax. Rule said it might even have a reverse effect and decrease revenue for retailers.

"Anytime you increase costs to a consumer, it has a possibility to decrease sales," he said. "It will be a tax burden on the consumer."

Rule said a service tax could bring in \$8 billion in extra revenue, but "that would all come out of the taxpayers' pockets."

If the concept ever makes it to the Legislature, Rule said he doesn't see the proposal getting passed.

Another group opposing the tax is the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. Mike LaFaive, its director of fiscal policy, said the tax would cause consumers to have less money to spend for their own needs. "Individuals

know what's best for themselves more than the state does."

The Midland-based center is a free market-oriented think tank.

LaFaive said small businesses would be hurt most by the tax because they outsource for services such as janitorial services and office repair. If these services are taxed, LaFaive said small businesses might not have the money to pay for it.

Simple trips to the hair salon may cost more under the tax.

Kate Grabowski, manager and owner of All That Jazz Salon in Traverse City, said the idea is horrible. "We don't need any more taxes."

Marna Cleft, owner of the 14th Street Salon in Traverse City, agrees: "Changes are hard. They should just keep it the way it is."

Even going to the doctor or dentist could be affected by the tax. Dr. Ken Musson, immediate past president of the Michigan State Medical Society, said putting a tax on medical services might cause people to visit their doctors less frequently.

Musson, an ophthalmologist in Traverse City, called the tax "inappropriate for medical services."

"I can't believe there would be an upside to that tax," he said. "It's an essential service, not a luxury. It will be unwise to tax it."

Musson said the public will probably have a problem with the tax.

"Anytime something costs more, people are going to decrease using it. It definitely influences choice."

The Michigan State Medical Association has not taken an official stance on the issue. Musson said if the tax gets formally proposed in the Legislature, the association's board would look at it and make a decision.

Lisa McGraw, the public

affairs manager at the Michigan Press Association, said there has been concern about putting a tax on advertising. Her association, which represents daily and weekly newspapers, is also opposed to the tax.

McGraw said there is too fine of a line as to what constitutes as advertising. "There are ads in newspapers and magazines, but would a company logo on a business card also count?" she said. "How far do you go with it?"

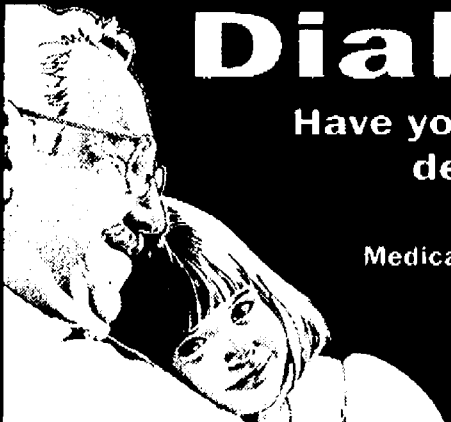
With an advertising tax, McGraw said some companies might be discouraged to advertise now.

"If you can't advertise, goods won't be sold," McGraw said. "This will end up hurting the economy."

Michigan isn't the only state looking at a service tax. California, Utah, Florida, Minnesota and Ohio have looked into the possibility or tried the tax. When Florida implemented it, the state collected only 65 percent of the revenue it thought it would, and repealed the tax a few years later.

*Editor's note: Crawford County Avalanche Staff Writer Cheryll Ruley recently spoke with 106th District State Representative Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) regarding the service tax issue. He advised that the state legislature is sticking with Governor Jennifer Granholm's policy of "no new taxes" even though the state budget has undergone cuts for 2003 and 2004.*

*Rep. Gillard said he does not foresee a change in that policy and agrees that, especially when it comes to advertising, it would be very difficult to determine how to apply such a tax. "This sort of tax is not even on the table and wouldn't be my first choice to accomplish funding for schools," Gillard said.*



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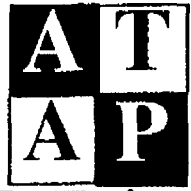


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## License plates upgraded for veterans

Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land recently announced the availability of upgraded specialty license plates for Michigan veterans.

Using a new "just in time" manufacturing process, the Department of State is producing plates that incorporate logos and legends through a silk-screening process once customers place the order.

Previously, veterans who applied for plates commemorating a specific military conflict would receive the appropriate decals to affix to the generic

plates. The new process addresses concerns that have been raised regarding the decals' appearance and durability.

"Specialty plates are a great way for Michigan veterans to show their pride," Secretary Land said. "Men and women who have earned the right to display these plates deserve a quality product. The Department of State is always looking for ways to better serve its customers. I appreciate the feedback we have received from veterans and am gratified that the state is able to respond with such an innovative

solution."

In addition to improving the product, the "just in time" process reduces costs by manufacturing plates after they have been sold, rather than forcing the state to maintain an inventory for each type of plate.

Veterans who currently have a veterans license plate and wish to obtain the new style can apply for a replacement at their local branch office. There is a \$5 replacement fee.

The new plates are available in both the "blue bar" and "Great Lakes Splendor" styles.

Legislation authorizing the sale of veterans plates to commemorate any war or conflict involving the United States was passed in 1989. Michigan currently has 58,876 veterans plates registered.

To learn about other products and services, visit the Department's web site at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library

The following books were donated in February as memorials: From Cornell Agency Inc. for Cindy Calkins *The Deep* and *Swan In Love*, for Frances Fick *Cats of Myth and Unknown*, for Dan Schrock *Papa's Song* and *Warrior Artists*, for Robert McCall *Uniforms of the Civil War*, for Roy Lovely *The Second World War*, for Lyle Johnson *The Man Who Found The Missing Link*. For Merle Carlson from Hobby Gals and Friends *Frommer's Honolulu, Waikiki, Oahu, Fireboat, Like A Windy Day*. For Pearl Jacques from Don and Joann Ferguson and Patty Hawkins and Family *Quilting and Color Made Easy* and *Creative Quilting With Kids*, and from Bill and Sharon Klinger *Katie Brown Decorates*, and *The Planets*. For John Godbey from Ron and Cindy Herron *Golf and Frommer's Alaska 2003*. For Cindy Calkins from Mr. and Mrs. John Mrohs *The Well-Designed Mixed Garden*. For Lois Southwell from Muriel Leng *Paris 1919, Wagons West, Atlanta and the Arcadian Beast, Top-Secret Personal Beeswas, A Journal* by Junie B. Jones.

## THE POWER SPOT

News from Grayling Elementary & AuSable Primary Schools



March 28 - No School  
Spring Break begins!  
April 8 - School resumes

The AuSable Primary (AP), Grayling Elementary (GES) and Frederic Elementary Schools (FES) are working together to help make the transition between schools easier for the young students.

A "Transition Team" has been formed to ease the transition for next year when Frederic Elementary students come to GES and the AP. The team held its first meeting on February 28 and some very creative ideas are being worked on.

On March 4, Frederic students

in kindergarten, first and second grades joined the AP students at a "Bunyan and Banjoes" assembly. Kitty Donahoe shared music and stories about the early pioneer days of Michigan. GES students were also treated to the assembly later that day.

On March 7, Mrs. Kami Boik's second grade class received a special treat when Mr. Enos visited and made a homemade breakfast of pancakes, sausage and juice for the class.

Mrs. Lori Fox's and Mrs. Suzanne Williams' 2/3 multi-age class walked over to the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. They received a tour, listened to a story and checked out animal books for their reports they are working on back in the classroom.

The same classes are working in groups to build model communities in Social Studies. Models include roads, buildings, map key and other characteristics of a community. The students hope to display the models at the library once they are completed.

Ms. Karla Goetz's kindergarten classes are celebrating

March Reading Month by reading as many books as they can about American pioneers.

Mrs. Lori Patterson and Mrs. Kathee Sheldon have challenged their first graders to see how many students can read a total of 30 books for the month of May. Incentives are offered along the way, such as bookmarks, Pizza Hut certificates, special pencils, stickers and more.

During the week of March 10, all third graders at GES took the Terra Nova assessment.

The Acting Up Theatre is working with the fourth graders during the week of March 17 to create an amusing and informative play on the topic of economics. The play will be performed on Friday, March 21 at 2 p.m.

As required by law, Julie Dunckley and Clyde Holzbauer are teaching the GES students about HIV and AIDS at age appropriate levels. The fourth and fifth grade students are also being presented with lessons that focus on maturing bodies. All health curriculum sessions are being taught in separate settings for boys and girls.

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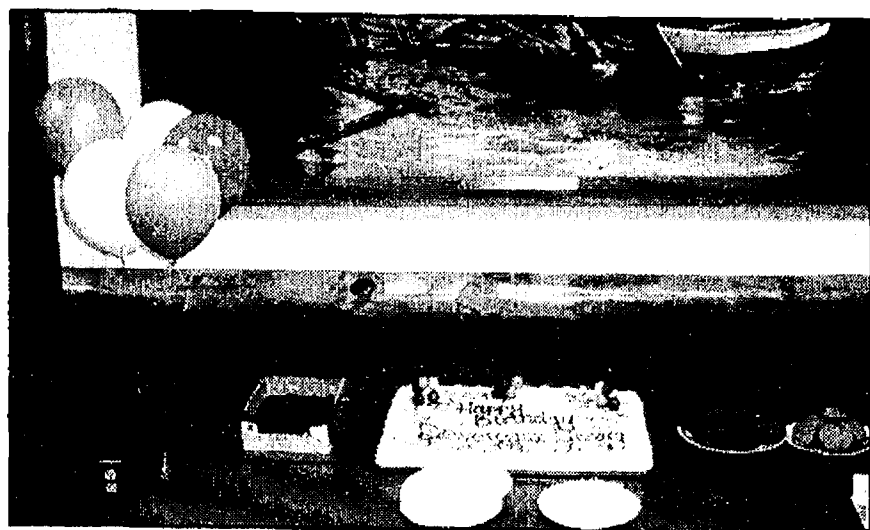
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## Library celebrates first birthday



Everyone who visited the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library on Saturday, March 15 were treated to cake, punch, and balloons in celebration of the library's first birthday. The weather was spectacular. The cake and extra cookies were donated for the event by the Friends of the Crawford County Libraries.

## Advice offered on how to talk to kids about war

► KidsPeace offers tips to parents, hope and help to our children

To help parents and America's kids deal with children's uncertainty and fears following September 11, and the current environment of possible war and terrorist reprisals, the national children's crisis charity KidsPeace has compiled tips for talking to children. They also offer a web site to help youngsters work through their fears.

KidsPeace president C.T. O'Donnell II and the clinical experts at more than 50 centers across the country suggest that America's parents do the following:

Listen to children. Allow them to express their concerns and fears.

Regardless of age, the most important issue is to reassure children of safety and security. Tell children that you, their schools, their friends and their communities are all focused on their safety and they will be protected by those around them. Have discussions about those dedicated to protecting us all like police, fire fighters, etc.

When discussing the events with younger children, the amount of information shared should be limited to some basic facts. Use words meaningful to them (not words like terrorist, retribution, etc.). Share with them that some bad people have used violence to hurt innocent people in the United States. Discuss that we don't know exactly by whom or why this was done, but violence has occurred. Do not go into specific details.

School-aged children will ask, "Can bad things happen here, or to me?" Do not lie to children. Share that it is highly unlikely that anything like this will happen to them or in their community. Then reiterate how safe and protected they are by all those around them.

Parents, caregivers and teachers should be cautious of permitting young children to watch or listen to news about carnage. It is too difficult for most of them to process. Personal discussions are the best way to share information with this group.

Also, plan to discuss this many times over the coming weeks. Ongoing reassurance is critical to children.

When discussing the events with preteens and teens, more detail is appropriate, and many will already have seen news broadcasts. Do not let them focus too much on graphic details. Rather, elicit their feelings and concerns and focus your discussions on what they share with you. Be careful of how much media they are exposed to. Talk directly with them about the tragedy and answer their questions truthfully.

Although this group is more mature, do not forget to reassure them of their safety and your efforts to protect them. Regardless of age, kids must hear

this message.

Be on the lookout for physical symptoms of anxiety that children may demonstrate. They may be a sign that a child, although not directly discussing the tragedy, is very troubled by today's events.

Talk more directly to children who exhibit these signs: headaches, stomach aches, back aches, trouble sleeping or eating, nightmares, withdrawal, excessive worry, increased arguing, irritability, loss of concentration, refusal to go to school, clinging behavior.

Parents and caregivers should often reassure children that they are loved. During tragedies like these, words expressing love combined with deeds demonstrating love (for example, walks in the park or attending a community sporting event) can provide the most comfort to children and teens.

If you are concerned about your children and their reaction to this or any tragedy, talk directly with their school counselor, family doctor, or have your older children visit KidsPeace's teen-help Internet web site,

www.TeenCentral.net, which provides anonymous and clinically-screened help and resources for teen problems before they become overwhelming.

KidsPeace is a 120-year-old charity dedicated to giving hope, help and healing to thousands of children daily facing crises, including traumas, depression, and the stresses of modern life. For more information, visit [www.kidspeace.org](http://www.kidspeace.org). Older children and teens can find help at [www.TeenCentral.net](http://www.TeenCentral.net).

Courtesy of ARA Content

## Elsner wins top award in library article contest

The Public Library Association announced Edward Elsner, Director of the Crawford County Library system, is the 2002 first place winner of its annual article contest.

The contest awards cash prizes to the authors of the best feature articles by public librarians published in the previous year's issues of *Public Libraries*.

Elsner earned the first prize award of \$500 for his article "The Evolution of PLA's Planning Model" which

appeared in the July/August 2002 issue of *Public Libraries*.

Second prize of \$300 went to Robin Bryan, Brarydog Coordinator at the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County for her article, "Brarydog.net: A Homework Assistance Portal for Students" published in the March/April 2002 issue.

Winners of the contest are selected by the members of the Public Libraries Advisory Committee. The prizes will be awarded at the upcoming ALA Annual Conference in Toronto.

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**About Us:** Otsego Memorial Hospital has continued to grow and pursue excellence with its community. With 87 beds, OMH medical staff serves 1,800 in-patients each year and more than 45,000 out-patients. The hospital employs more than 400 people, 90 of which are medical staff. The Hospital main switchboard can be reached at (989) 731-2100.



### OTSEGO MEMORIAL MEDCARE WALK-IN CLINIC

**Founded:** 1992

**Principle Activity:** Treating minor injuries and illnesses.

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**About Us:** Between 30 and 50 patients are seen each day at Otsego Memorial Hospital's MedCare Walk-In Clinic. Located at 1996 Walden Drive, off Old 27 South, the clinic is staffed with medical personnel to see patients who need immediate attention. No appointment is necessary. The MedCare Walk-In Clinic can be reached at (989) 731-4111.



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### OTSEGO MEMORIAL PHYSICIAN SERVICES

**Founded:** 1951

**Principle Activity:** Providing specialized medical expertise to meet the health needs of the community.

**A service of:** Otsego Memorial Hospital

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**Founded:** 1989

**Principle Activity:** Providing medical equipment and respiratory therapy for home use.

**A service of:** Otsego Memorial Hospital

**About Us:** The goal of Shared Care is to enable people to live independently even though they may have health restrictions. Shared Care offers free delivery and emergency service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Its products include wheelchairs, oxygen therapy, hospital beds and ambulatory aids and more. Shared Care is located at 309 North St. Shared Care can be reached at (989) 732-0656.

### OTSEGO MEMORIAL HEALTH RESOURCE

**Founded:** 2003

**Principle Activity:** Toll-free telephone call to get answers to health-related questions.

**A service of:** Otsego Memorial Hospital

**About Us:** Otsego Memorial Health Resource provides area residents will toll-free access to an experienced registered nurse who is available to answer health-related questions 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This service is also designed to direct callers to the appropriate level of service, such as a physician office, emergency room or MedCare Walk-In Clinic. Call 1-866-OMH HEALTH or 1-866-4325.

### OTSEGO MEMORIAL McREYNOLDS HALL

**Founded:** 1964

**Principle Activity:** Restoring health and encouraging independence by providing short term rehabilitation and long term care.

**A service of:** Otsego Memorial Hospital

**About Us:** An extended care facility, McReynolds Hall is licensed for 34 beds and is designed to provide an array of services to the people and families of Otsego and surrounding counties. McReynolds Hall is at 825 N. Center Ave. behind the Hospital. McReynolds Hall can be reached at (989) 731-2131.



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## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Nova Anderson

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

March:  
19 - Pot Roast/Beef Chop Suey; Hearing Clinic by Appointment; Exercise and Line Dancing, 10 and 11 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Guys at 12 noon; Crafts at 1 p.m.; Computer Class at 3:30 p.m. and Burger King Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

20 - Spaghetti and Meatballs/Meatloaf; Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Adult Ed Class at 1 p.m.; Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

21 - Chicken Dumplings/No Dinner; Lovells Satellite at 12 noon; Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy both at 1 p.m.

24 - Breaded Fish/Italian Round Steak; Stag Guys at 12 noon; Bridge at 1 p.m. and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

25 - Liver and Onions/Roast Chicken; Housing Tenant Council Meeting at 10 a.m.; Euchre at 1 p.m.; Movie Night (For Richer or Poorer) at 5:30 p.m.

26 - Roast Beef/Connecticut Ham; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 and 11 a.m.; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Guys at 12 noon; Crafts at 1 p.m.; Computer Class at 3:30 p.m.; Medicine Shoppe Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Coming up...Health Fair at St. Mary's Catholic Church on May 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Remember our Loan Closet. If you need a walker, cane, wheelchair, etc., give us a call.

## Packard, Zigila engaged



Tinelle Packard and Tim Zigila

Tinelle Packard and Tim Zigila are engaged to be married August 16, 2003. The bride-elect is the daughter of Richard and Averill Packard of Midland. The prospective groom is the son of Albin and Jean Zigila of Frederic. The bride-elect, a graduate of H.H. Dow High School and Central Michigan University, is a teacher with the Crawford AuSable School District. The prospective groom, a graduate of Grayling High School, is the president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during March 19 - 25, is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: March 19 - 20, March 25.

Small arms ranges located West of Lake Margrethe, North of Howe Road, East of the gas pipeline and South of Portage Creek on March 24 - 26.

Heavy weapons range firing is

scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Occasionally, the Post Commander without additional notice to the public may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 71 complaints the week of March 10-16:

One EMS response, three traffic accidents, one non-traffic accident, two traffic policing, one accident - all other, two motor vehicle inspections, three civil matter disputes - family trouble, seven suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 17 general non-criminal, one valid alarm, one false alarm activation, one burglary/home invasion, four larceny, one motor vehicle as stolen property, five fraudulent activities, two damage to property, three drug/narcotic violations, five public peace/disorderly, one hit and run accident, one OUIL third offense, three health and safety, one invasion of privacy/wiretap, one conservation, two miscellaneous criminal offense, one driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended), etc.

For more information, log on to: [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## OBITUARIES

Arnold Mauren

Aug. 24, 1914-March 13, 2003

Arnold Mauren, age 88, of Grayling died March 13 at Mercy Manor, Grayling. Mr. Mauren was born on August 24, 1914 in Pontiac, to John and Catherine (Schmidt) Mauren.

Mr. Mauren was married to Bernice Socia on April 26, 1941 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in River Rouge.

Mr. Mauren joined the United States Navy in 1942 and worked in naval aviation out of Corpus Christi, Texas, until his discharge in 1945.

The Mauren family moved to the Grayling area in 1953 where Arnold and his brother-in-law, Forest Reichelderfer, opened and managed the "Big Wheel" Sunoco Station, south of Grayling at the intersection of Highways 27 and 76. In 1960, Mr. Mauren became manager of Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel in downtown Grayling and held that position for 22 years until his retirement in 1988.

Known to everyone as "Arnie," Mr. Mauren was an active member of the business and civic community contributing his energies to the Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, Grayling Boosters Club, Grayling Country Club and the Grayling Winter Sports Carnival Committee. In addition, he was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his daughters, Pamela Bartelli of Vulcan and Karon Stewart of Moxee, WA; his son, Paul Mauren of Albany, NY; his nephew, Frederic Reichelderfer of Grayling; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial Mass and celebration of his life is planned for June 7, 2003 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, beginning at 11 a.m. Visitation will be on June 7, from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

J.R. "Jack" Lippert

March 11, 2003

J.R. "Jack" Lippert, Colonel, Retired Army National Guard and former Camp Grayling Commander, died March 11, 2003.

A memorial service will be held on March 29 at 2 p.m. at Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home, 900 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI (517-482-1533).

Arrangements by Gorsline-Runciman Company Funeral Home, Lansing.

Michael S. Lay

Oct. 19, 1960 - March 5, 2003

Michael S. Lay, age 42, of Cheboygan died Wednesday, March 5.

Funeral services were held at Walsh Funeral Home on March 8. Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

## In Memory of

Jack Alef

It has been three years since God chose you to be with Him.

The sorrow we still feel of missing you, the deep love and respect we still feel for you will never diminish.

Although we know that even though we cannot see you, hug you, or kiss you, that you are watching over us all of the time.

We know that we can speak to you through prayer and that you are still with us through God.

With all of our deepest love,

Your Wife, Gloria

Your Daughter, Mary

Your Grandson and

Best Buddy, Anthony

## HONORS

Lawrence Technological University

Matthew Cragg, of Grayling, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA for the term.



**American Red Cross**

**March is**

**American Red Cross Month**

**Health and Safety Services**

Almost everyone takes at least one Red Cross course during their lifetime. It might have been a swimming class taken as a youth, or a first aid/CPR course taken at work.

The American Red Cross has been a leader in the health education field for decades. And countless lives have been saved as a result. Last year 126 Crawford County residents were certified in various Red Cross courses. One of our local first aid/CPR/AED instructors is Bruce McGuire. "Instructing others in CPR skills is a passion for me," states Bruce. "I worked as a respiratory therapist and director of cardio/pulmonary department at Mercy Hospital, and saw what CPR could do. I would love to see every person learn how to do CPR." The knowledge of the first person on the scene is critical. If that person knows CPR, survival chances significantly improve for the victim. "Taking a few hours to take a class is clearly worth the time invested," stresses McGuire.

New this year, Mercy Hospital is now offering Red Cross first aid and CPR classes on the second Wednesday each month. "We are pleased to make it convenient for local residents to become Red Cross certified," explained Kay Petrie, Mercy Hospital Education Director. "Just register by calling our education department at 348-5461."

Jessie Gordon is another long-time Crawford County Red Cross instructor, teaching aquatic courses for 33 years. "For every child that I can make safe in the water, that is one less potential drowning," stated Jessie. She works with children as young as age three. On average, Jessie trains 125 children annually from Crawford and Roscommon Counties.



Volunteer Instructor Kay Petrie



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## Skyline hosts Big Air & Trick contest

**O**n a cold, snowy Saturday afternoon (March 8), several area young people showed off their skiing and snowboarding talents at Skyline Ski & Country Club's Big Air Trick Contest.

Both skiers and snowboarders took to the slopes and snow ramps at Skyline to compete in separate contests. Scores were determined by a panel of judges.

The top three finishers in the skiing event were: 1st - Wade McGregor, 2nd - Kyle Trudgeon, 3rd - Paul Brown. (The battle for second and third place had to be decided with a tiebreaker round.)

The winners of the snowboarding contest were: 1st - Karl Petersen, 2nd - Bob Hagle, 3rd - Eric Jurkovich. (Photos by Caleb Casey)





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## Youth soccer programs merge

### ► Crawford AuSable Soccer Organization now taking sign-ups

Grayling Soccer Club – formerly affiliated with American Youth Soccer Organization – and Grayling Recreation Authority have combined their respective youth soccer programs to form the Crawford AuSable Soccer Association (CASA), which is affiliated with the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA).

CASA is now forming travel teams and a recreation league. Age groups include:

- (Recreation Level) U-6

(Under age 6 as of August 1, 2002); U-8 (Under age 8 as of August 1, 2002); U-10 (Under age 10 as of August 1, 2002); U-12 (Under age 12 as of August 1, 2002); U-14 (Under age 14 as of August 1, 2002); U-16 (Under age 16 as of August 1, 2002);

- (Travel Level) U-12 (Under age 12 as of August 1, 2002); U-14 (Under age 14 as of August 1, 2002); U-16 Girls.

Formation of teams will depend on the numbers of registrants.

CASA started its sign-up period with a Registration Kick-Off and Informational meeting on Tuesday, March 18. Regular registration will end on March 28. Late registration runs from March 28 to April 10.

All registration forms must be received by April 10, 2003 or your child will NOT be able to play.

Registration fees are \$25 (\$75 maximum per family) until March 28, and \$35 (\$105 maximum per family) after March 28.

To sign up, pick up a registration form from the City of Grayling Office or the Medicine Shoppe. Drop off completed forms, with payment and copy of player's birth certificate, to either location.

To make sign-up arrangements by phone, call Becky Kerle, League Registrar, at (989) 348-2752.

Games will start in May and end in June. They will be played at the Hanson Hills Soccer

Fields.

Jerseys will be provided by the league (to be turned back in at the end of the season or you will be charged for a replacement). Players will need to have coordinating shorts (no zippers or snaps allowed) and purchase coordinating soccer socks.

Shin guards are required to play and soccer cleats are not mandatory.

On April 10, CASA will host a Parents Meeting (mandatory for those that did not attend the registration kick-off on March 18) at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Elementary School gym.

On April 15, a Coaches Meeting/Training event will be held at the GES gym from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

## Little League sign-up to begin

### ► Registration Night on March 25 to help kick off sign-up period

Grayling Little League will be registering players for all baseball divisions (ages 7-14) and girls softball (ages 7-16) at its 2nd Annual Player Registration Night to be held on Tuesday, March 25, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

This year, Grayling Little League hopes to develop its softball league with more girls, more teams, and more divisions, league officials said.

Yvonne Schreiber and Stacie

Rosin-Gay, league co-VPs, are working to improve the softball program. "We hope to get enough girls registered to have teams in four divisions – Minor (ages 7-9), Major (ages 10-12), Junior (ages 13-14) and Senior (15-16). If we don't have enough girls for four divisions we will divide the girls into teams by age. We hope that by breaking the program into age divisions we will encourage more young ladies to come out and learn the sport," they said.

Little League softball players and baseball players can sign up for the 2003 season at Player Registration Night.

Registration fees include a \$25 league fee (family maximum is

\$50) and a \$20 Home Run Card fundraising fee. The \$20 Home Run Card fee purchases two Home Run Cards (family maximum is four cards) and players can either sell the cards for \$10 each to re-coup the fundraising fee or keep the cards for their own use. The cards offer the special deals at area businesses.

"The Home Run Cards are a popular commodity in the community and are not difficult to sell," league officials said. "Last year, Grayling Little League sold out of the cards early in the season."

"The popularity of the Home Run Cards is a direct response to the great offers our local businesses provide for the cards.

Holders of the cards can use them to receive discounts, two for one pricing, or freebies at many local businesses," said Rich Alexander, League President.

For every two cards that a player sells, their name will be entered into a special drawing for baseball-related prizes. The more cards they sell, the more chances to win.

Each player that registers at the March 25 sign-up event will be eligible to win valuable door prizes. Players must bring a photocopy of their birth certificate and all fees. Players who cannot attend Registration Night may sign up at Sylvester's through April 11.

## GRA wrestlers qualify for State Finals

Over 20 Grayling Recreation Authority wrestlers qualified for the State Finals (to be held at Northwood University on March

22) by placing in the top four at Sunday's Western Regional Tournament at Pine River High School.

Placements for Grayling at Pine River included: 1st – Jon

Petrie, Matt Townsend, Cody Malone, Jeff Bancroft, Corey Metzger, Jeff Woolsey, Josh Partello, Mykel Revord; 2nd – Joey Schwartz, Zach Wolcott, Austin Harris, Ben Brown,

Daniel CdeBaca, Eric Madill; 3rd – Zak Mack, Daniel Duval, Stephen Grove; 4th – Kyle Schmidt, Ty Jensen, Luke Schneider, Corey Shear, Shane Grove.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

**Friday Mixed Doubles**

American Legion . . . . . 35 - 21

Northern Cafe. . . . . 33 - 23

Double Trouble. . . . . 30 - 26

Fick & Sons . . . . . 30 - 26

Charles Country Corner 29 - 27

Moshier Auto Repair . . 24 - 32

Ken's Tire & Auto . . . 24 - 32

Piehl's Sawmill. . . . . 18 - 38

High Series Men: D. Wallace, 600; C. Hanson, 558; J. Mehal, 518.

High Game Men: C. Hanson, 235; D. Wallace, 218; J. Mehal, 203.

High Series Women: S. Johnson,

529; M. Moshier, 524; D. Medina, 515.

High Game Women: M. Moshier, 236; S. Johnson, 197; S. France, 192.

**American Men's League**

GADCO . . . . . 07 - 00

Helsel Forest Products . . 05 - 02

Scheer Motors . . . . . 05 - 02

Forrest Brothers. . . . . 05 - 02

Moore's Automotive . . . 02 - 05

Warren Forest Products . . 02 - 05

Fenton's Auto Service . . 02 - 05

McLean's ACE . . . . . 00 - 07

High Series: T. Devins, 673; T. Kotrash, 668; J. Thayer, 652.

High Game: J. Thayer, 254; T. Devins, 244; J. Helsel, 236.

**Pioneer League**

South Side River Rats . . 33 - 15

Avalanche . . . . . 32 - 16

Rochette's . . . . . 31 - 17

Hawk Ridge Golf . . . 24.5 - 23.5

The Ice House. . . . . 22.5 - 25.5

Custom Interior . . . . . 19 - 29

Chemical Bank . . . . . 17 - 31

McDonald's of Grayling 13 - 35

High Series: C. Jones, 544; J. Coors, 531; B. Nielson, 513; S. Goss, 511.

High Game: J. Coors, 217; S. France, 202; D. Calkins, 196; C. Jones, 188.

**Recreation**

Gale Enterprises . . . . . 31 - 17

Woody Girls' . . . . . 28 - 20

Peterson's Saw Service . . 26 - 22

Mickey Perez CPA. . . . . 25 - 23

Chicken Little Joint Pro. 24 - 24

Hawk Ridge Golf. . . . . 23 - 25

Glens' Market . . . . . 20 - 28

Coldwell Bankers . . . . . 15 - 33

High Series: K. Moshier, 514; P. D'Amour, 513; S. Hamey, 511; L. Dellar, 507.

High Game: P. D'Amour, 187; K. Moshier, 187; S. Hamey, 180; L. Dellar, 178; P. Prause, 178; W. Sheldon, 177; D. Lobsinger, 177.

**Senior Bowling**

Grayling Pharmacy . . 69.5 - 30.5

Spike's Keg O' Nails . . . 52 - 48

Cornell Insurance . . . . 51.5 - 48.5

Flowers By Josie. . . . . 47.5 - 52.5

Gray Rock . . . . . 47 - 53

Sylvester's Sports . . . . 45.5 - 54.5

Bucci's Pizza . . . . . 43 - 57

Hall's Snow Removal . . 43 - 57

High Series Men: K. Harris,

586; L. Essiambre. 558; G. Wolfe, 558.

High Game Men: K. Harris, 214; L. Essiambre, 200; G. Wolfe, 200.

High Series Women: M. Rysso, 529; P. Harris, 487; D. Hollis, 464.

High Game Women: M. Rysso, 201; P. Harris, 190; D. Hollis, 170.

**Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles**

D.X.R. Computers . . . . 62 - 29

Wakeley's Auto Parts . . 61 - 30

Spark's . . . . . 54 - 37

Hart Pontiac-GMC. . . . . 47 - 44

Little Tyke Day Care . . . 44 - 47

North Pure Ice . . . . . 26 - 55

Shady Acres . . . . . 32 - 59

Calkin's Excavating . . . 28 - 63

High Series Men: J. Babbitt, 560; P. Lewis, 543; J. Helsel, 541.

High Game Men: D. Kirchoff, 225; S. Haight, 219; J. Helsel, 211.

High Series Women: S. Romain, 564; S. France, 484; G. Helsel, 475.

High Game Women: S. Romain, 204; G. Helsel, 185; E. Helsel, 181; S. France, 181.

**National First**

AuSable Construction . . 54 - 23

Denholm Chiropractic . . 44 - 33

Corky's Karaoke . . . . . 42 - 35

Faustman's Insurance. . . 38 - 39

Scott Pittman Builders . . 35 - 42

Legion Lanes . . . . . 33 - 44

Northern White Tail . . . 32 - 45

Hart Pontiac-GMC. . . . . 30 - 47

High Series: M. Barr, 608; J. Helsel, 602; C. Golnick, 592.

High Game: J. Helsel, 267; P. Miller, 223; T. Devins, 222; T. Sowinski, 222.

**Northwood**

Lucky & Laura's . . . . . 30.5 - 17.5

North MI Financial . . . . 29 - 19

Hometown Furniture. . . 25.5 - 22.5

Corky's Karaoke . . . . . 24 - 24

Hart Pontiac-GMC. . . . . 24 - 24

Grayling Chiropractic . . 22 - 26

Beckett Contracting. . . . 20.5 - 27.5

Calkin's Excavating . . . 16.5 - 31.5

High Series: S. Romain, 513; K. Moshier, 488; T. Day, 485.

High Game: S. Romain, 191; T. Day, 191; T. Rock, 191.

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The Crawford County Avalanche publishes a special graduation section in May to spotlight the GHS graduating seniors.

To make this section, the Avalanche needs a graduation photo with a short editorial on your senior's plans after graduating. There is no charge to be included. Photos will be returned. Note: Prestige has automatically provided senior photos, but we still need you to fill out the form.

Please fill out the form and return to the Avalanche with your photo.

Any questions please call Linda Golnick at the Crawford County Avalanche at (989) 348-6811.



John Doe, son of John and Jane Doe, plans to attend Kirtland Community College in hopes of becoming a Journalist.

Thank You

Please Print

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Address to return photo: \_\_\_\_\_

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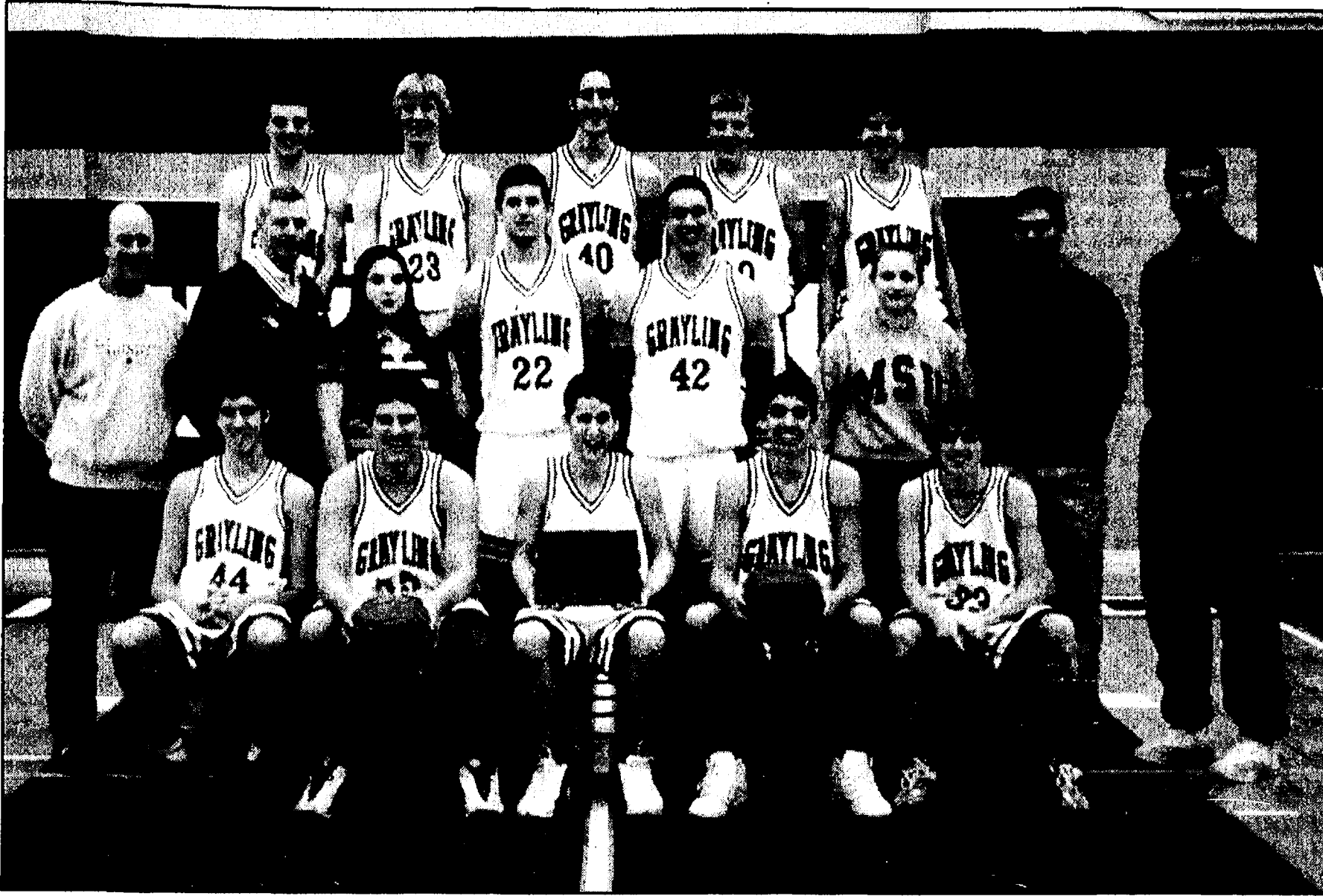
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The GHS varsity boys basketball team (with its North East Michigan Conference co-champions plaque): (front, L to R) Joe Lange, Roger Alvarez, Caleb Mead, Adam Kaiser, Gibson Tobin; (middle, L to R) Coach Joe Mau, Coach Butch Hayes, Anna Lepsy (statistics), Roy Czapek, Greg Morrill, Carolyn Dobry (statistics), Coach Chris Kucharek, Head Coach Rich Moffit; (back, L to R) Andy Strohpaal, Chad Helsel, Joe Zelek, Phil Armstrong, Ryan Schmidt; (not pictured) Travis Helsel, Coach Travis Huber, Diane Niederhouse (statistics).

## Grayling wins share of NEMC title

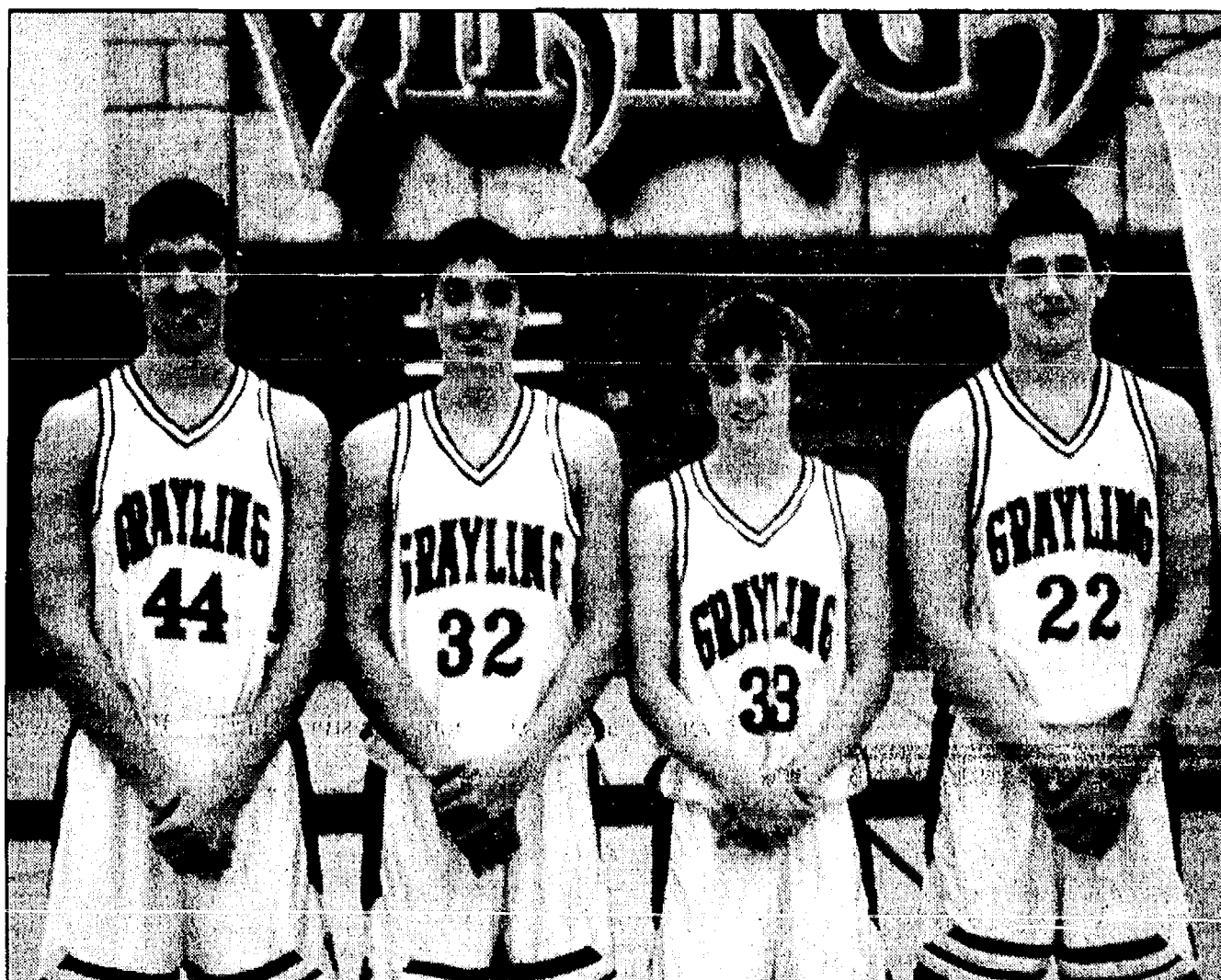
► Four Vikings earn all-league recognition for 2002-03 season

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team finished its 2002-03 regular season as North East Michigan Conference co-champions. The Vikings and the Braves of Tawas both finished their league schedules with nine wins, three losses.

Four Vikings – Gibson Tobin, Adam Kaiser, Joe Lange, and Roy Czapek – earned all-conference honors in the NEMC for their performances this year.

Tobin was named to the all-league first team, Kaiser made the second team, and Lange and Czapek received honorable mentions.

This year was Grayling's last season in the North East Michigan Conference. Next year, the Vikings will be a member of the Lake Michigan Conference.



Four Grayling High School varsity boys basketball players earned all-league recognition this year: (left to right) Joe Lange, honorable mention; Adam Kaiser, second team; Gibson Tobin, first team; Roy Czapek, honorable mention.

## Viking skiers honored at awards banquet

► Vandecar and Clough named most valuable skiers for 2003

The GHS boys and girls ski teams wrapped up their 2003 season with a dessert banquet and awards ceremony at Hanson Hills last Wednesday.

Freshmen Katie Baynham, Jill Seager, and Jessica Thomson and sophomore Adam Gilbert all received their first varsity awards. Returning varsity award winners were Heather Vandecar, Mallory Olson, Andria Alvarez, and Kassie McClain for the girls team and Trevor Clough, Jon Handy, Jim Jansen, Pat McNally, Eric Hunter, and Anthony Neal on the boys team.

Top racers were awarded for consistency, with Olson winning a bronze medal for 78 percent of her times being used, Seager a silver medal for 81 percent, and Vandecar the gold medal for 88 percent.

On the boys team, bronze went to McNally (81 percent),

Handy (94 percent) received the silver medal, and Clough (97 percent) took the gold.

Medals were also awarded for number of team victories: (girls team) Olson, bronze, 6 team wins; Alvarez, silver, 7 team wins; Vandecar, gold, 19

team wins; (boys team) Handy and McNally, bronze, 3 team victories each; Jansen, silver, 7 team victories; Clough, gold, 19 team victories.

Vandecar and Clough were both selected as the squad's most valuable skiers.

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**David LaGattuta, MD**  
Obstetrics/Gynecology

David A. LaGattuta, MD, is a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology. A graduate from the University of Michigan Medical School, Dr. LaGattuta completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Ohio State University. Dr. LaGattuta began practicing at Mercy Hospital Grayling in 1996.



**Vincent E. Schultz, MD**  
Family Practice/Obstetrics

Vincent E. Schultz, MD, is a specialist in Family Practice and Obstetrics. A graduate of the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Dr. Schultz completed his residency in Family Practice at Midland Family Practice and fellowship in Obstetrics in Tacoma, WA. Dr. Schultz joined Mercy Hospital Grayling in 2001.



**Carl F. Schubert, MD**  
Obstetrics/Gynecology

Carl F. Schubert, MD, is a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Schubert completed his medical education at Wayne State University in 1989, and practiced in Alpena before joining the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling in 2002.



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The 2003 Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon – reduced to a biathlon this year due to safety issues on the AuSable River (ice) – gets started with the snowshoeing portion of the competition at Hanson Hills.

## Annual triathlon held at Hanson Hills

► Canoe portion cut out of 2003 event due to ice on AuSable River

The annual Johnson Outdoors Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon – held in late February this year – featured only two of its usual three events in 2003.

The Winter Wolf Triathlon, which usually involves paddling a one-person canoe on the AuSable River, snowshoeing at the Rayburn Property, and cross country skiing at Hanson Hills, was reduced to a biathlon this

year due to ice on the AuSable River.

Only the snowshoeing and cross country skiing events were conducted this year. Both took place at Hanson Hills, with competitors first snowshoeing a looped course back to their skis at the starting line and then skiing to the finish line.

Division winners were: David Maclean (Men's Masters), Michael Seaman (Men's Classic), Ellen Thompson (Women's Masters), Cassie Webb (Women's Junior), and Thea Skinner (Women's Classic). For complete results, see the list on Page 5B.



Randy Stueve starts the cross country ski leg of the Winter Wolf Triathlon.

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Steve Seager finishes the snowshoe part of the 2003 Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon.

David LaGattuta, MD



# Annual triathlon held at Hanson Hills



Ellen Thompson, winner of the Women's Masters Division in this year's Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon, starts the cross country ski course.



Chris Seager competes in the snowshoeing portion of the Winter Wolf Triathlon.

## Winter Wolf (Biathlon) Results - 2003

Results are listed by division (Junior, Classic, Masters, Team - Men's and Women's)  
(Last Name, First Name, Number, Sex, Age Division, Time)

Women's Division					
Skinner, Thea	591	F	C		76.38.00
Lutz, Brittany	589	F	C		90.40.00
Williams, Sara	590	F	C		91.03.00
Webb, Cassie	519	F	J		67.28.00
Thompson, Ellen	581	F	M		53.50.02
Seager, Chris	592	F	M		59.36.33
Nash, Jenny	62	F	T		93.38.00
Meyer, Margaux	63	F	T		93.38.00
Men's Division					
Seaman, Michael	521	M	C		41.40.64
Galvani, Adam	497	M	C		42.04.36
Stueve, Randy	522	M	C		45.14.72
Hartman, Michael	523	M	C		47.39.53
Palmer, Mason	498	M	C		48.26.36
Streibig, Randy	587	M	C		56.46.43
Lagemann, Paul	584	M	C		67.29.00
Skinner, Russell	593	M	C		67.44.00
Thomas, Andrew	499	M	C		68.07.00
Traylor, Luke	588	M	C		73.17.00
Brenner, Chuck	580	M	C		84.34.00
Macleay, David	520	M	M		36.26.37
Seager, Steve	583	M	M		40.46.41
Webb, Jon	585	M	M		50.23.56



Michael Seaman (left) and Adam Galvani, the top two finishers in the Men's Classic Division, finish the snowshoeing half of the Winter Wolf Triathlon.

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Fox Run Country Club

5. Wisconsin (22-7)  
Diane's Car Wash

12. Weber State (26-5)  
Medicine Shoppe

4. Dayton (24-5)  
AuSable Construction

13. Tulsa (22-9)  
Showtime Collision

6. Missouri (21-10)  
Northern Cafe

11. Southern Illinois (24-6)  
Scott McNamara Ford-Roscommon

7. Marquette (23-5)  
AuSable Valley Homes

14. Holy Cross (26-4)  
Scheer Motors

7. Indiana (20-12)  
Country Skillet

10. Alabama (17-11)  
Heads Up North

2. Pittsburgh (26-4)  
Rialto

15. Wagner (21-10)  
Darwin's Jewelry Repair

1. Arizona (25-3)  
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16. Vermont (21-11)  
Arby's

8. Cincinnati (17-11)  
Century 21

9. Gonzaga (23-8)  
Scott McNamara Ford-Grayling

5. Notre Dame (22-10)  
McKegg's Bridge One Stop

12. Wis.-Milwaukee (24-7)  
JJ's Motor MaH

4. Illinois (24-6)  
7-Eleven

13. Western Kentucky (24-8)  
Ole Dam Rd. Party Store

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11. Central Michigan (24-6)  
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3. Duke (24-6)  
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14. Colorado State (19-13)  
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Riverland

15. Sam Houston State (23-6)  
Coldwell Banker-Cornell Realty

1. Oklahoma (24-6)  
Larry & Joan's Place

16. South Carolina St (20-10)  
Don Nester Chevrolet

8. California (21-8)  
Charles Country Corner

9. N.C. State (18-12)  
Northern Tails

5. Mississippi State (21-9)  
Century 21 - Randy Thompson

12. Butler (25-5)  
Sunburst Marine

4. Louisville (24-6)  
Jansen Insurance

13. Austin Peay (23-7)  
BC Pizza

6. Oklahoma State (21-9)  
Don Nester Chevrolet

11. Pennsylvania (22-5)  
Grayling Restaurant

3. Syracuse (24-5)  
The Copy Shop

14. Manhattan (23-6)  
Phil Wheaton Construction

7. St. Joseph's (23-6)  
Swamp II

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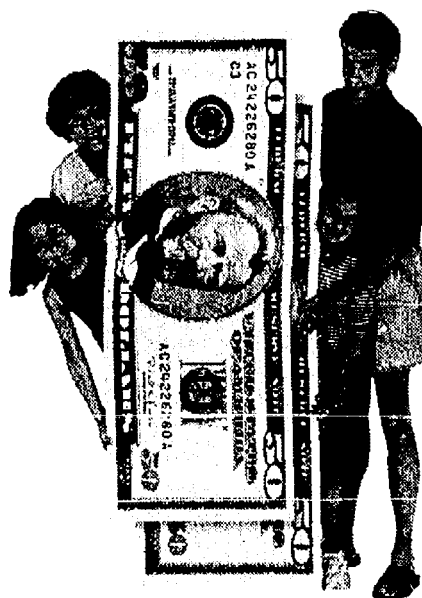
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## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

### Women's Team

ROSCOMMON — Sophomore co-captain Becca Miller ended her remarkable career at Kirtland taking team MVP honors at Sunday's athletic banquet after earning a berth on the first team all-state and all-region squads.

Miller averaged more than 19 points per game, third in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 11th in the nation. She was third in the league in shooting percentage from three-point range (36.4 percent), and her 81 percent success rate from the free-throw line was second in the league and 14th in the nation.

Teammates Amy Jordan, Miller's backcourt mate and the other co-captain, and freshman forward Jeni Kemp each earned honorable mention all-state.

Jordan also earned the team's top defensive player for the second straight season. She showed her tenacity by leading the Ladybirds in rebounding with 209 boards in 28 games despite being the team's shortest player at 5-foot-4.

Freshman guard Brianna Glasscox won the team's most improved player award, and freshman forward Raquel Bates won the "100 Percent" award for hustle.

Kirtland ended its season with a 10-18 record, which Coach Jimmy Parker acknowledged was disappointing considering the quality of his lineup.

"I said from the start we had more talent this year than last year, but we had a hard time putting it all together," Parker said. "But they kept going. We had a lot of injuries and that certainly didn't help. And these girls never gave up and I'm very proud of them for that."

### Men's Team

ROSCOMMON — Alvidas Gedminas, Kirtland's 7-foot center imported from Lithuania who finished fifth in the nation in rebounding, was named the team's most valuable player Sunday at the college's annual athletic banquet.

Leading scorer Jake Milarch, the sophomore guard from Copemish who finished the season averaging a team-high 15 points per game, was named the



Becca Miller, KCC Firebirds MVP



Alvidas Gedminas, KCC Firebirds MVP

Firebirds' most improved player.

The two are among the most sought-after of Kirtland's seven departing sophomores who led the team to a berth in the state tournament in the program's second year in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Kirtland, which finished in a tie for fourth in its 10-team conference, ended the season with a 13-16 record, losing the state playoff opener by three points to Wayne County.

The 'Birds finished strong after a sputtering start, caused in part when coach Glen Donahue missed the first three weeks of the season with a heart ailment.

"I had a heart attack, and I don't know if we ever caught up," he said. "But we weren't that far away. It was a heck of a season. We must missed getting over the hump."

Gedminas, 25, averaged more

than 12 points and 13 rebounds per game to earn a place on the All Region XII Division I team.

"He has a very bright future in this game," Donahue said, adding that Gedminas has been nominated for All-America honors to be selected soon.

Reuben Edwards, the sophomore from Detroit, was named Kirtland's best defensive player and joined Gedminas on the all-region team.

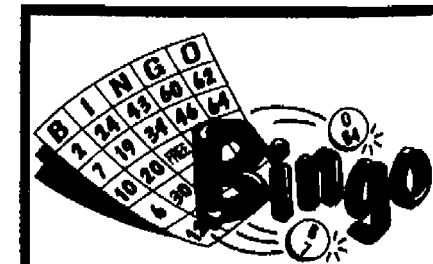
Sophomores Levi Burkett, Vaughan Gray, Andy Topie and Rubens Martinelli shared the team's "100 Percent" award for hustle.

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Gray Rock .....158  
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Amy J. Durant (P54777)  
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord  
229 Court Street  
P.O. Box 405  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
(231) 627-4351

-20-27-03-10-17

### Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chelle A. Warnars a single woman (original mortgagors) to Franklin Mortgage Funding, Mortgagee, dated July 8, 2002, and recorded on July 16, 2002 in Liber 588 on Page 365 in

Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee, Assignee by an assignment dated July 8, 2002, which was recorded on March 7, 2003, in Liber 623 on Page 68, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Eight and 25/100 dollars (\$61,338.25), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on April 23, 2003.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 45, 46, 47 and 48, Block 19, Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 20, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team H (248) 593-1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200313211  
Team H

20-27-03-10

### STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Case No. 00-5181-CK

Honorable Dennis F. Murphy  
D. Jerome Slack, As Trustee  
of the D. Jerome Slack Trust  
U/A/D June 26, 1981, Plaintiff

v.  
Paul W. Schroeder, Colleen Schroeder, jointly and severally, and Barnstormers, Inc., a Michigan corporation, d/b/a Red Barn, d/b/a Margretheville, Defendants,  
Thomas R. Alward (P31724)  
Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1241 E. Eighth Street  
P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817  
231-941-9660

### Notice of Foreclosure Sale

1. On August 16, 2002, the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment of Foreclosure in this matter.

2. As of the date of this notice, this Judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Judgment of Foreclosure on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., at a public auction to be held in the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants, Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen Schroeder, in and to the real property described as follows:

PARCEL 2: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 12, T26N, R4W; thence S 89° 37' W along the South line of

Section 12, 737.6 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of M-72; thence N73° 15' W along the Southerly right-of-way of M-72, 451.8 feet to the intersection of the Northerly right-of-way of M-93 for Point of Beginning; thence South 58° 30' W along the Northerly right-of-way of M-93, 431.3 feet; thence North 0° 21' W, 336.5 feet to the Southerly right-of-way of M-72; thence South 73° 15' E along the Southerly right-of-way of M-72, 386.2 feet to the point of beginning. Being part of South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, and North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

3. The sale of the Property shall be as a single parcel free and clear of all easements, liens, encumbrances and claims arising since August 9, 1999, the date that the Mortgage was recorded at the Crawford County Register of Deeds. The sale is subject to liens and other restrictions recorded before August 9, 1999 none of which are foreclosed by the Judgment of Foreclosure.

4. Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen Schroeder, shall be forever barred and foreclosed of and from all equity of redemption, and claim of, in, and to the Mortgaged Property, if not redeemed within six months from the date of the sale.

Dated: March 10, 2003  
Thomas R. Alward, Esq. (P31724)  
Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
1241 E. Eighth Street  
P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817

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# LEGAL ACTION

## STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT CRAWFORD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

Case No. 03-6004 CZ  
Donald Pillow and Debra Pillow  
v  
Americorp (Donald Castetter)  
IT IS ORDERED:  
TO: AMERICORP:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to provide a good and sufficient warranty as the result of Plaintiffs satisfying their land contract obligation. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before April 11, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Dated: March 3, 2003  
Judge Alton T. Davis (P-24472)  
David R. Sabin  
Attorney for Plaintiffs  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
989-348-5588

-13-20-27-03

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenley Bielby and Caroline Rosser, a single man and a single woman (original mortgagors) to Northwestern Savings Bank & Trust, Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2000, and recorded on January 5, 2001 in Liber 526 on Page 164 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, a public body corporate and politic of the State of Michigan, as assignee by an assignment dated December 23, 2000, which was recorded on January 5, 2001, in Liber 526 on Page 171 Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five and 18/100 dollars (\$78,865.18), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on April 2, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan,

and are described as:

Lot 2, Block 17, of Roffee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 27, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team J (248) 593-1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200313924  
Team J

-27-06-13-20

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by John W. Meredith and Lexis L. Meredith, husband and wife, of Grayling, Michigan (Mortgagors) to Banc One Financial Services, Inc., (Mortgagee) dated May 26, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on June 23, 1999 in Liber 484, Page 447, Crawford County Records and was assigned by an assignment dated March 31, 2000 to Household Finance Corporation III, a Delaware Corporation, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on September 7, 2000 in Liber 516, Page 627, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$163,165.82 including interest at the rate of 12.990% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of April, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the undersigned will: at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is described as follows:  
Parcel H  
Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, thence South 00 degrees 44' 15" West (along the 1/8 line), 667 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 32' 20" East, 653.39 feet, thence South 00 degrees 45' 37" West, 667.5 feet, thence South 89 degrees 32' 30" West, 653.42 feet, thence North 00 degrees 44' 15" East, 667.5 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Tax ID#20-051-002-009-055-00  
The redemption period shall be twelve months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty days from the date of such sale.  
Dated: February 14, 2003  
Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)  
Attorney for Assignee  
38500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-5051  
(248) 540-7500  
Household Finance Corporation III  
Assignee

-27-06-13-20-27

hereby given that on the 9th day of April, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the undersigned will: at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is described as follows:  
Parcel H  
Part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, thence South 00 degrees 44' 15" West (along the 1/8 line), 667 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89 degrees 32' 20" East, 653.39 feet, thence South 00 degrees 45' 37" West, 667.5 feet, thence South 89 degrees 32' 30" West, 653.42 feet, thence North 00 degrees 44' 15" East, 667.5 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sharon Larkin a married woman (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Mortgagee, dated February

15, 2002, and recorded on February 19, 2002 in Liber 570 on Page 410 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Eighty-Eight and 54/100 dollars (\$51,088.54), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M., on April 2, 2003.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, thence West 4 rods for a point of beginning, thence West 10 rods, thence North 40 rods, thence East 10 rods, thence South 40 rods to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 27, 2003  
For information, please call:  
Team X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200312907  
Team X

-27-06-13-20

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Tina M. Nelson, whose last known address is 120 Jeanette Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to The United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated September 2, 1994 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on September 6, 1994 in Liber 383 of Crawford County Records on Pages 218 through 221, inclusive, said Borrower on the above date of September 2, 1994, also having executed a certain Assumption Agreement in writing, by which she assumed prior mortgages given by Ronald L. Finch and Cindy M. Finch, husband and wife, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, dated March 23, 1990 and recorded March 23, 1990, in Liber 308 of Crawford County Records on pages 436 through 439, inclusive and a certain mortgage given by Kathy L. Tyson to the United States of America, acting through the Farmer's Home Administration, dated March 11, 1994, and recorded March 11, 1994, in Liber 374 of Crawford County Records on Page 383 through 386, inclusive, and by reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Nine and 99/100 (\$83,839.99) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises there-in described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday April 16, 2003, at 10:00 o'clock, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 8.0 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

Lot 55, Clough's Highland Acres, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, Crawford County Records (also commonly known at 120 Jeanette Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738; tax no. 040-45-220-00-055-00).

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661, telephone (989) 345-5470, ext. 4.

Dated: March 6, 2003  
Robert J. Zitta (P22749)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
Schueerle & Zitta  
300 Washington Street  
P.O. Box 212  
Grand Haven, MI 49417  
(616) 842-1470  
United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

-13-20-27-03

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 03-6575-DE  
Estate of Marguerite Caroline Oliver,  
Date of birth: 09/29/11  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:  
The decedent, Marguerite Caroline Oliver, who lived at 11728 West M-72, Grayling, Michigan, 49738 died January 27, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Chris Lauria, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 5, 2003  
Todd H. Nye (P59301)  
Attorney  
P.O. Box 708  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 348-6141  
Chris Lauria  
8360 West AuSable Road  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
(989) 821-5303

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## CHECK OUT OUR CLASSIFIEDS

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FISHERIES DIVISION, NATURAL RIVERS PROGRAM

#### Proposed Natural Rivers Designation - Pine and Upper Manistee Rivers.

The Department of Natural Resources will hold public hearings regarding designation of the Pine River and Upper Manistee River as Natural Rivers under authority of Natural Rivers Part 305 of PA 451 of 1994. The purpose of the hearings will be to take testimony regarding the draft Natural River Management Plans written for both rivers. A one hour information session where Natural Rivers Program staff will be available to answer questions will precede each public hearing.

Verbal comments on either Plan may be made at any hearing location. Written comments may be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Division, PO Box 30446, Lansing, MI 48909, Attention: Steve Sutton, or by e-mail to [SUTTON\\_SL@michigan.gov](mailto:SUTTON_SL@michigan.gov). The public comment period will remain open until June 8, 2003. Copies of the draft Management Plans can be found on the internet at [www.Michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.Michigan.gov/dnr), or by requesting a copy at the address given above or in person from the County Clerk's office in those counties scheduled for public hearing.

Following the public comment period, both draft Management Plans and the public comment record will be submitted to the Director of the Department of Natural Resources for review and final decision regarding Natural River designation.

#### 2003 Pine and Upper Manistee river public hearing schedule

Date	Location	Time
Mon., April 28	Manistee, Manistee Co. Manistee HS Auditorium 525 12th Street Manistee, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing
Tues., April 29	Baldwin, Lake Co. Hollister Senior Center 1505 Mich. Ave, Baldwin, MI	1-2pm Information Session 2-4pm Public Hearing
Tues., April 29	Reed City, Osceola Co. Reed City High School 225 W. Church Ave. Reed City, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing
Wed., April 30	Lake City, Missaukee Co. Lake City H.S. Auditorium 251 E. Russell St. Lake City, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing
Thurs., May 1	Kalkaska, Kalkaska Co. Kalkaska H.S. Auditorium 109 N. Birch St. Kalkaska, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9 Public Hearing
Fri., May 2	Cadillac, Wexford Co. Cadillac High School Cafeteria 400 Linden St. Cadillac, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing
Sat., May 3	Grayling, Crawford Co. Grayling Middle School Cafeteria 500 Spruce St., Grayling, MI	1-2pm Information Session 2-4pm Public Hearing
Mon., May 5	Bellaire, Antrim Co. Bellaire Senior Center 308 E. Cayuga St. Bellaire, MI	1-2pm Information Session 2-4pm Public Hearing
Mon., May 5	Gaylord, Otsego Co. Gaylord Intermediate School 240 4th St., Gaylord, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing
Tues., May 6	Southfield, Oakland Co. Southfield H. S. Library 24661 Lahser Road Southfield, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing
Wed., May 7	Grand Rapids, Kent Co. Central H.S. Auditorium 421 Fountain St., NE Grand Rapids, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing
Thurs., May 8	Lansing, Ingham Co. Okemos High School Kiva 2800 Jolly Road Okemos, MI	6-7pm Information Session 7-9pm Public Hearing

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a re-opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

### BITUMINOUS BASE CRUSHING

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as **Bituminous Base Crushing**.

Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to add or delete quantities or projects to or from the bid and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

### Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Ken Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Jim Burch, Commissioner

## WEIGHT RESTRICTION PUBLIC NOTICE

As of Friday, March 14, 2003 at 8:00 a.m., the Crawford County Road Commission has established seasonal weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads. At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standards, which includes load restrictions of 35%.

After meeting with commercial haulers to determine reasonable application and enforcement procedures and routes, the following roads may be traveled while frost laws are in effect, in accordance with state law:

Old 27: County line to County line  
612: Old 27 (Frederic) East to I-75  
Sherman Road: North County Line to Landfill  
North Down RR: Business Loop East to I-75 Ramps

### FROST LAW RESTRICTED ROADS ARE SIGNED AND FROST LAWS ARE BEING ENFORCED.

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact Jed Blaauw, Superintendent at (989) 348-2281, with any questions regarding restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions.

By: Donald Babcock, Managing Director  
For: Kenneth Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
James Burch, Commissioner

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### 23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to current M.D.O.T. specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following location on or before June 1, 2003:

35,000 ton @ Lovells Pit: T28N, R2W, W 1/2, of section 24, Lovells Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as **"23A Gravel Bid"**.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

### Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Ken Riehle, Chairman  
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman  
Jim Burch, Commissioner

# Public Notice



Public Notices in Newspapers. Your Right to Know, Delivered Right to Your Door.





# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

**23 Years Ago**  
**March 20, 1980**

Crediting in large part the warm reception Weyerhaeuser received from area officials and residents, Tony Moore, company Project Manager, officially announced that Grayling had been selected for construction of a \$50 million dollar wood products manufacturing facility.

Construction of the facility is described by Moore, as "one of the largest wood products projects the company has ever taken on."

After a generous contribution from the Hoskins Manufacturing Company in Mio, Mercy Hospital has raised a total of \$469,346.52 toward their goal of \$500,000 for the hospital's building fund program.

Grayling's fame is spreading! With national coverage in the *National Geographic* magazine, Grayling's Hartwick Pines and AuSable River were mentioned in the June, 1979 issue.

An almost unbelievable 60 day adventure that almost everyone including the adventurer himself thought impossible, ended March 6 in Anchorage, Alaska when Tony Lenzini arrived there safe and sound after traveling, unaided, 5,600 miles aboard a Ski Doo Citation snowmobile.

Tony stopped in Grayling, after departing from Houghton Lake,

in his quest for a world record snowmobile trek through some of the most barren and rugged terrain in the northern hemisphere.

Kirtland Community College just received an El Camino from Chevrolet. Donald Nester, Roscommon Chevrolet dealer, presented the car to the college to further students' automotive and mechanical careers.

Nancy E. Kerle of Grayling, is a member of the Hope College Symphonette chamber orchestra which will be touring the United States for two weeks.

The Rotary Club's Minstrel Show, "The Roaring Twenties" will be performed on March 20-21. Mike Branch, Paul Thomson and Dale Nicholas will perform the song "The Good Ship Lollipop," while the band and chorus will belt out some old fashioned songs from the period.

Only two weeks remains until the official opening of the Grayling Country Club. Hopefully we will not have an April snowstorm, as we did last year.

The Student Senate of Kirtland Community College presented another of their annual dinner theatre programs. The Alpha-Omega Players presented "The Marriage-Go-Round," a comedy by Leslie Stevens.

March 23 - April 5 has been designated as "Jaycee Jelly Week."

According to project chairman, Chuck Huber, all proceeds from the sale of jars of jelly will be shared equally between the Institute for Burns Medicine in Ann Arbor, and the families and victims of fires.

Despite a temperature of 10 below, 110 Grayling residents came to the American Legion Hall to give a pint of blood.

**46 Years Ago**  
**March 21, 1957**

The Grayling Vikings won their second trophy in the State High School basketball tourney by defeating Gaylord Saturday. They will face Crystal Falls in the State Quarter Finals at Traverse City.

The Michigan State University Men's Glee Club will appear in Grayling this Saturday. Last year, the Glee Club made 65 appearances before an estimated 83,000 people.

An investigation to determine how much food, water, steel, minerals and other resources will be required in the future by a rapidly expanding America, draws attention to Crawford County and its needs.

Food is being absorbed by Crawford County residents at the estimated rate of 1,510 tons a year. This is far above the mere subsistence diet. Drinking water for the county is estimated at 820,000 gallons a year.

**69 Years Ago**  
**March 22, 1934**

Yesterday, March 21, was the first day of spring, according to

the calendar. The temperature at 6 a.m. was 35 degrees above and it kept getting colder as the day advanced. At noon it was 24 above and at midnight it fell to six below zero. This morning at 6 a.m. it registered nine below and this afternoon, although there is a bright sun, it is only four above.

The home of Albert Charron has been under quarantine for several weeks, some of the children being ill with scarlet fever. The ban was lifted, and they have all recovered nicely.

Otto Falling had a week's supply of groceries amounting to \$6.00 taken from his automobile parked in the driveway next to the Lovely Restaurant. He had left his car there and was in at Alfred Hanson's Garage for a short time and when he returned the groceries were gone except for a pound of butter which had been dropped by the thieves as they were carrying their plunder away.

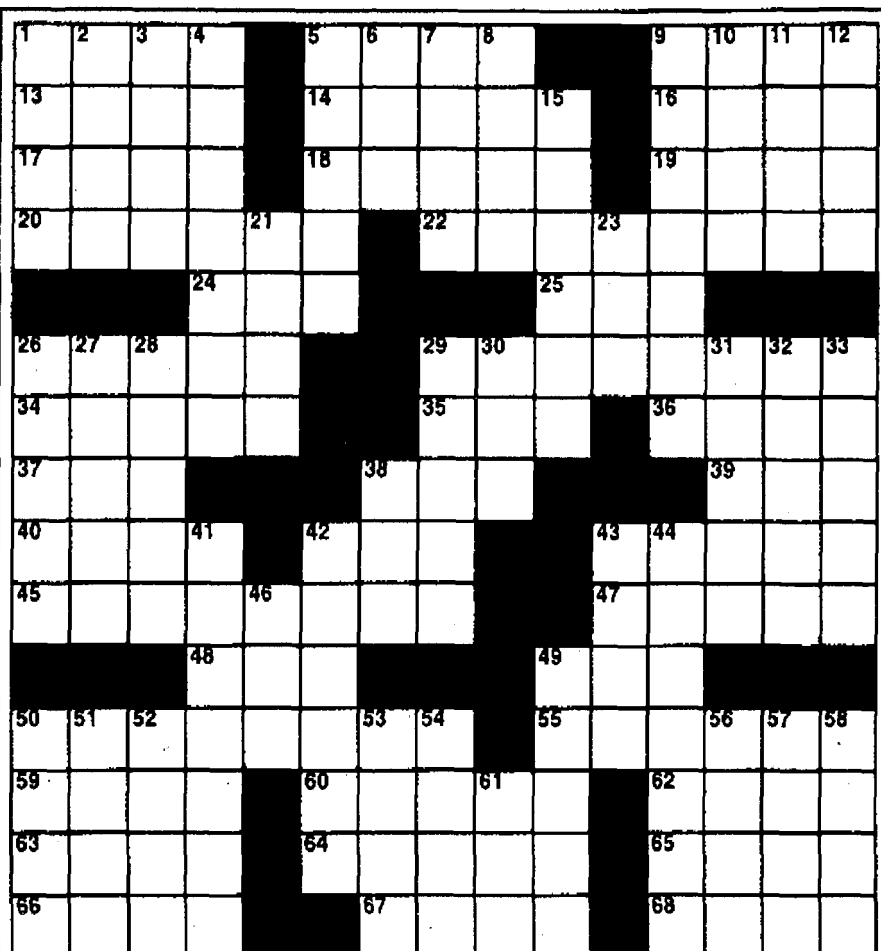
**92 Years Ago**  
**March 23, 1911**

George Langevin planted 40,000 trout in the AuSable River last week.

Auditor General Fuller estimated that the May distribution of Primary school money will amount to \$6.50 per capita which is slightly larger than that of a year ago.

Snow in the village has nearly disappeared, the kids are playing marbles and all indications point toward the arrival of spring. We have only had 143 days of delightful sleighing and beautiful winter weather.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Walking stick
5. "Now I know my \_\_\_\_ next time won't you sing with me"
9. Western Samoa
13. \_\_\_\_ Trebek, game show host
14. A spore-producing structure in certain lichens and fungi
16. Style
17. Ancient Japanese religious center
18. Pores in a leaf
19. Major, dominant
20. Lack of moral standards in a society
22. To plot against something or someone
24. Tax collection agency
25. Large Australian flightless bird similar to the ostrich
26. Ethiopian lake
29. No longer paid hourly wages
34. VII
35. A layer, as in paper towel or toilet paper
36. \_\_\_\_ mater, one's school
37. Pub order
38. Taxi
39. The longest division of geological time
40. \_\_\_\_ Harvey, comedian
42. Use scissors
43. Angle under 90°

45. Eliminations, as with a pencil Carton. abbr.
47. Emits coherent radiation
48. To force open with a lever or a crowbar
49. Swiss river
50. Saltiness
55. Deadly
59. Used esp. as a culture medium and a gelling agent in foods
60. Civil rights group
62. About aviation; prefix
63. Surrender possession of
64. \_\_\_\_ Brooks, country singer
65. Take; snatch
66. Unlockers
67. Russian river
68. James \_\_\_\_, American steam engineer

### DOWN

1. Town in Galilee
2. \_\_\_\_ Alda, actor
3. He fiddled
4. Look at carefully
5. Donkeys
6. Botany: abbr.
7. Crocodile: shortened form
8. Large wrestler
9. Japanese fried dish
10. Jai \_\_\_\_
11. Den
12. \_\_\_\_ Frank's diary
15. In a mentally stable way
21. Middle East country
23. Senior officer: abbr.
26. Hebrew letter
27. Scads
28. Oats
29. Small fights, usually in relationships
30. A close-sleeved linen liturgical vestment worn by priests
31. Severe colic
32. Dramatically express emotion
33. Claire \_\_\_\_, young actress
38. White ball in billiards
41. Strives towards a goal
42. Weeping
43. Wings
44. Transporting by cart
46. A vessel for storing cremated ashes
49. The first letter of the Greek alphabet
50. Tackle the quarterback
51. Phil \_\_\_\_, former CIA agent
52. Disney cartoon, \_\_\_\_ And The Tramp
53. Afrikaans
54. Agile, lively
56. The queen of the gods in ancient mythology
57. Rumanian city
58. Lofts, as in a pitch
- 61.

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

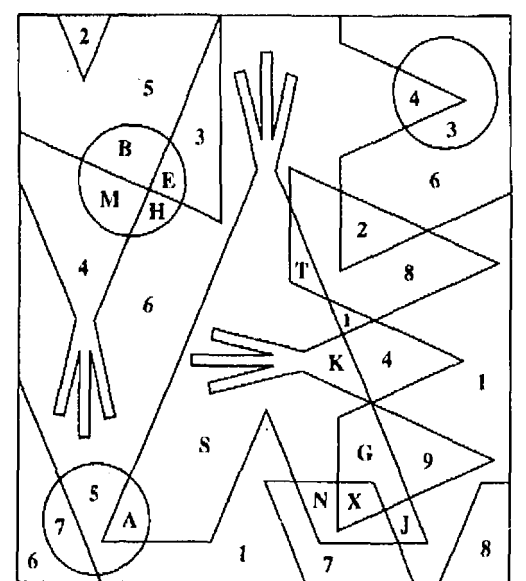


12 fresh green or black figs  
1 teaspoon grated orange zest  
1/4 cup fresh orange juice  
1/4 cup brandy, port or Marsala (optional)  
2 tablespoons honey  
heavy cream (optional)  
Preheat oven to 350° F. Bake until tender, about 20

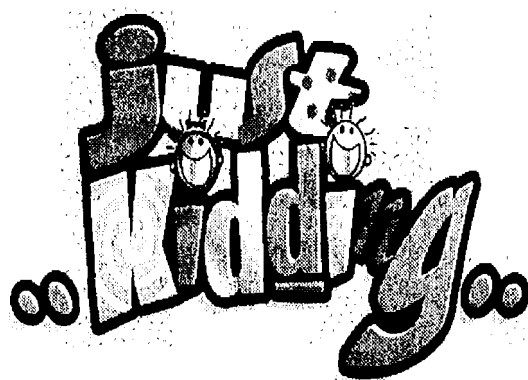
## Saucy Baked Figs

Remove stems from figs, if desired. Arrange whole figs in ovenproof dish, pressing down lightly to flatten bottoms so that figs will stand upright. Mix orange zest, juice, brandy and honey together and pour over figs. minutes. Cool and serve with heavy cream to pour over. Makes 4 servings. Preparation Time: about 20 minutes. Bake Time: about 20 minutes.

## HIDDEN PICTURE



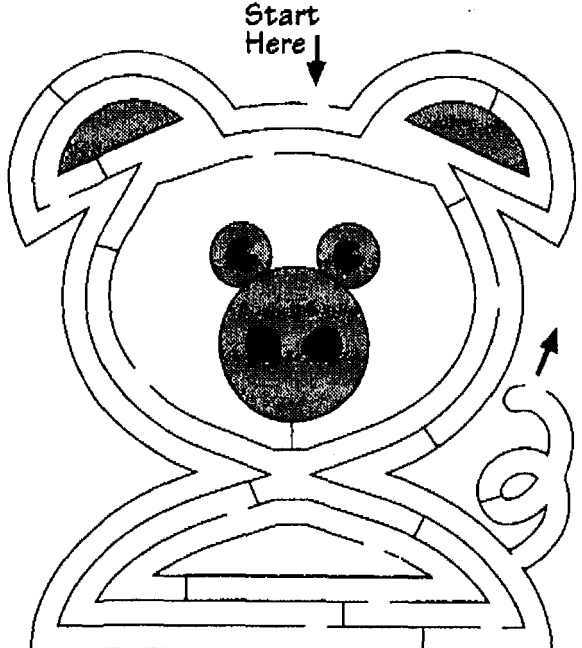
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## DID YOU KNOW

Berceuse is another term for "cradle song" or lullaby.

## MAZE



## Adopt a Pet



Scarlet is approximately 2 years old. She is a Husky mix so she is very busy, but is friendly to people and other animals. She likes to be both inside and out. She is spayed and has all of her shots. Please call (989) 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal\_director@yahoo.com.

Winter is especially hard on the water buckets used to haul water to the dogs at the shelter. We could use some donations of 2 1/2, 3, and 5 gallon buckets. We are also in need of blankets, throw rugs, towels, bleach, laundry soap and dishwashing liquid. Any help the community can provide is most appreciated, especially by the animals.

There are still a few Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly games available! Cost is a donation \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. Creature Comforts Cookbooks are still available for a donation of \$15. Call the shelter for details or stop in the Avalanche for either item.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
**508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**  
**Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall**  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of March 20, 2003

<p><b>Capricorn</b> December 22-January 19</p> <p>Communication is at an all-time high. Write that proposal you've been putting off. E-mail or send cards to friends you've lost touch with. Tell those close to you how special they are.</p>	<p><b>Aries</b> March 21-April 19</p> <p>A friendship is blossoming. Be careful not to rush things. Get to know the person before you make them your confidante. An important event draws near.</p>	<p><b>Cancer</b> June 22-July 22</p> <p>It's not too late to make up for lost time with an older family member. Get in touch with them and arrange for a visit. Then work out a plan to stay in touch.</p>	<p><b>Libra</b> September 23-October 22</p> <p>You've been so absorbed in a project at work that you've forgotten what it's like to play. Now that it's finished, go out and have some fun.</p>
<p><b>Aquarius</b> January 20-February 18</p> <p>Indulgence has been your motto this week, and it's starting to show in your budget. Pull back on the purse strings and do without a few luxuries to make up for what you have spent.</p>	<p><b>Taurus</b> April 20-May 20</p> <p>A friend gets a better job. Congratulate them and take them out to dinner to celebrate. A wonderful surprise arrives in the mail.</p>	<p><b>Leo</b> July 23-August 22</p> <p>Time is running short for you to complete a home improvement project. Go to the hardware store and get the materials you will need. Then sit down, make a schedule and stick to it.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio</b> October 23-November 21</p> <p>You're having a hard time adjusting to a difficult situation at work. It may be time to step outside of yourself and view the situation from your coworker's point of view.</p>
<p><b>Pisces</b> February 19-March 20</p> <p>Excitement is in the air. You receive a nomination for an award, an old friend returns and a family member receives unexpected news.</p>	<p><b>Gemini</b> May 21-June 21</p> <p>An application deadline is near. Don't delay your decision any longer. Take your budget and time into consideration.</p>	<p><b>Virgo</b> August 23-September 22</p> <p>It's much too early to tell if your recent actions have paid off. Move on to other matters and prepare for what may lie ahead.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius</b> November 22-December 21</p> <p>You've been far too anxious lately. Remember, some matters are beyond your control. So stop sweating the big stuff and focus on things you can change.</p>

WEATHER						
Courtesy of the City of Grayling						
<b>Last Week</b>						
Date	H	L	Snow			
3/12	35	15	.25			
3/13	26	13				
3/14	27	9				
3/15	43	18				
3/16	59	18				
3/17	62	31				
3/18	63	32				
<b>Extended Forecast</b> (Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	
High 44 Low 30	High 49 Low 19	High 44 Low 18	High 38 Low 17	High 41 Low 16	High 40 Low 12	
Few Showers	PM Showers	Showers	Rain / Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

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## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**BECOME A HOMEOWNER**  
Northern Homes CDC is offering free homebuyer Counseling classes for the MSHDA sponsored program links to Homeownership. Families with a related minor child living in the home, or a pregnant applicant/co-applicant who meet financial program guidelines are eligible. These classes can assist you with potential down payment assistance, credit repair, pre-purchase inspections and maintenance training. Classes are now forming. Call Alice Yeoman at 866-637-1834 Toll Free. Northern Homes CDC is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to create affordable housing opportunities in Northern Michigan. Equal Housing Opportunity. (LR4/3/02/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**NINE APARTMENTS** and Living Quarters and four nice motel units with Jacuzzi's. \$40,000 down. Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02tf/1)

**STOP RENTING** for as low as \$500 - \$1,000 down and a small monthly payment. You can own your own home and have it paid for in two years. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (1/23/03tf/1)

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**LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES** Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**NEWLY BUILT 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath.** Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (LR3/27/03/1)

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR SALE** 3,600 sq. ft. on I-75 Business Loop in Grayling. 200 ft. of frontage by 300 ft. deep. 600 sq. ft. of office/retail and 3,000 sq. ft. of shop/warehouse area. \$129,000. Ask for Jerry (989) 275-5445. (-6-13-20/1)

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES** www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

### 2. For Rent

**OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE** for rental, 1,200 sq. ft. immediate opening in neon plaza, Kalkaska. Call Sandy (231) 258-8377 between 9:00 to 3:00. (10/24/02tf/2)

**THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH** home at Lake Margrethe. Five years old, freshly painted inside. \$600 per month plus security. References, one year lease. No smoking only, no pets. (989) 348-8627 (3/13/03tf/2)

**BUSINESS OR OFFICE SPACE** for rent. 640 square feet. Excellent traffic location on Federal Highway. One and 1/4 mile west of I-75 Exit 244. (989) 821-5995. (LR3/27/03/2)

### 2. For Rent

**ONE BEDROOM UPPER APARTMENT**, completely furnished. Very private setting on Manistee River. All utilities provided. Seven miles from town. \$500 month. (989) 348-9714 (-6-13-20-27/2)

**2 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH** mobile home, 2 1/2 car garage. \$450 unfurnished or \$550 furnished plus utilities. Security deposit. References. No smoking or pets. As low as \$1,200 moves you in. (989) 344-1656 (-20-27-3-10/2)

**ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX APARTMENT** Located in Grayling Mobile Estates. Rent is \$400 per month and includes all utilities. Call Norwood Rentals. (989) 344-8787 (2/27/03tf/2)

### 2. For Rent

**TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT** Located in the city of Grayling. \$410 per month plus deposit. Call Northwood Rentals (989) 344-8787 (2/27/03tf/2)

**VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS** is now accepting applications for immediate occupancy, as well as waiting list positions. Very nice, two bedroom, two bath apartments with an attached garage and central air conditioning in a private secluded setting. Lease includes appliances, weekly garbage pickup, snow removal, and lawn care. Paved street, natural gas. Credit application required. No pets. Inquire at Farm Bureau Insurance-Herb Olson (989) 348-9456. (-6-13-20-27/2)

**CLEAN TWO BEDROOM HOUSE** for rent with fenced in back yard and attached garage. No smoking and no pets. \$475 plus security deposit. Call Jim at (989) 344-2803. (-20-27/2)

**COMPLETELY REMODELED** 700 sq. ft. two bedroom apartment. New kitchen cabinets, carpeting and much more. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Hookup for washer and dryer in individual locked storage space in basement. Air conditioned. Garage to be available this summer. No smoking, no pets. Must see to appreciate. Ideal for single or couple. \$485 per month, \$450 security deposit plus utilities. References required. Call (989) 348-7143 (2/27/03tf/2)

**TWO BEDROOM** Remodeled, no smoking, no pets. Six miles east of Grayling. \$450 month. (989) 348-4840 (-6-13-20-27/2)

**SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM** upper in Grayling. Includes all utilities plus trash pick-up, snow plowing. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, digital cable furnished. Lots of storage and closet space. Carpeted throughout. Only quiet, responsible persons need apply. No smoking, no pets. \$565 per month plus deposit. Must have references. Phone (989) 348-8993 (-6-13-20-27/2)

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### 1. Real Estate

**On the main stream of the AuSable River, "Holy Waters!"** Quaint two bedroom cottage located right on the banks of the river (a stone's throw from the front porch) Features a brick fireplace, knotty pine interior, and a fantastic view! This cottage comes partially furnished. \$168,000 #5070 Ask for Connie!



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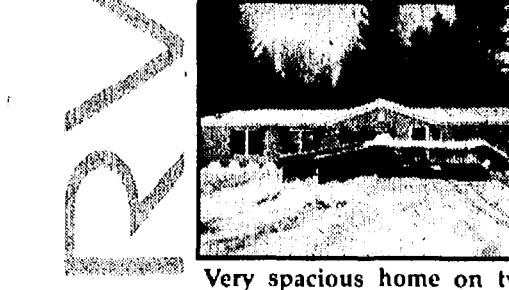
This log duplex on 220' of the AuSable River is very conveniently located and each unit is large at 1330 sq. ft. Each unit has three good size bedrooms, large bath with double sink, fireplace and basement. \$133,000 #5069

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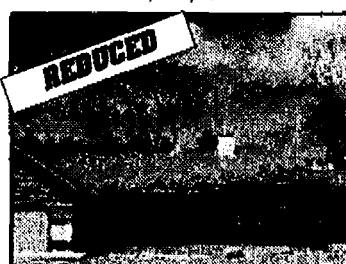
Remodeled three bedroom, one bath ranch with 1,008 square feet, home includes very nice custom cabinets. The property is close to State Land and North Higgins Lake State Park. Easy access to hunting and snowmobile trails. \$89,000 #5078



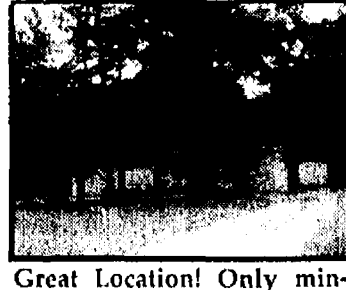
Very spacious home on two acres. The rear of the property adjoins State Land. This home is very comfortable with a fireplace to warm up in the winter and central air to cool off in the summer. The property is located on a private dead end street and property size guarantees privacy. \$125,000 #5066



Enjoy the serenity of the AuSable riverfront living amongst the pines yet still have the convenience of being close to town. This spotless full log home features two bedrooms with built in dressers, 2 1/2 baths, walk out basement with large work room, fireplace, wrap around deck, and much more. \$239,500 #5081



2002 New, quality, cedar sided home on a beautiful 4.32 acre parcel of hardwoods offers outstanding views of wooded valleys and hills. Three bedrooms, 2 full baths, fireplace, attached garage. 1,731 sq. ft. not including basement. \$195,000 #4906



Great Location! Only minutes from town! This three bedroom home has had many updates to include: house wrap and vinyl siding, vinyl windows, new roof and extra insulation to ceiling (R40) The garage is 16 x 30 with the back half being utilized as a work shop. \$78,000 #5011



Nice and clean home located in the City of Grayling has plenty to offer! Featuring 1,460 square feet with three bedrooms, a living room, and large family room with a fireplace, attached garage, a fenced in yard, paved drive and more! \$63,000 #5082



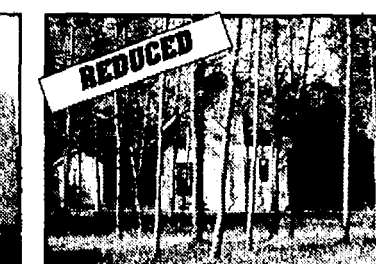
2002 New, quality, log sided home on a beautiful 3.73 acre wooded parcel. Home offers privacy and outstanding views. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, magnificent stone fireplace, attached garage. 2,079 sq. ft. not including full walk out basement. \$220,000 #4952



Newly remodeled 1,008 square feet, three bedroom home with an attached single car garage. Very nice inside and out. This home is set in a very attractive subdivision on a county maintained road. The property is a 110 x 202 parcel. Only minutes to town. \$83,500 #5064



Affordable three bedroom, one bath mobile on a good size lot, just minutes from town. This mobile would make a great rental income property. Handy man special and priced to sell. \$22,000 #5083



Opportunity Knocks!! Trout season is coming. Full log shell with a 16 x 28 log sided garage on 1 1/4 acres. Only three miles from town. The famous AuSable River is only a 1/2 mile away. The property is adjacent to thousands of acres of State Land. \$79,900 #4973



Nicely maintained three bedroom home has a large 20 x 21 living room, and has had many new updates to the home within the past few years, to include new floor covering and drywall. Located in Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County. \$73,500 #5045



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## 2. For Rent

**THREE BEDROOM HOME** for rent in town. Newly remodeled with two car attached garage \$600 per month plus deposit and references. No pets or smoking allowed. (989) 348-1348 (-13-20/2)

## 2. For Rent

**HOUSE FOR RENT** 6274 Old Lake Rd. One bedroom, stove, refrigerator, newly remodeled \$350 month plus security deposit. Utilities not included, no pets. (989) 348-4716 (3/6/03/1/2)

## 2. For Rent

**RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS** at 306 Knight Street is updating the waiting list for one and two bedroom units. Persons must be 62 years of age or older or handicap and/or disabled of any age. Rent based on income with limited rent subsidy. Barrier free unit in building. Applications on site or call Linda at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group, Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity, Hearing TDD# 1-800-855-1155. (-20-27/2)

**FIND THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME** in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

## 3. Employment

**CLEAN \$7.50**, Grayling, small office cleaning after 6 p.m. for 1 1/2 hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays and once over the weekend. All equipment and supplies provided. Call for local interview. 1-800-441-4463. (EOE) (-20/3)

## 2. For Rent

**ATTENTION - WORK FROM HOME \$500 - \$1,500 P/T, \$2,000 - \$4,500 F/T** 1-800-304-2936 www.AGreatIncome.com (LR6/19/03/3)

**PRODUCTION WORKERS** Now accepting applications for full-time production at AJD Forest Products, Grayling. Heavy manual labor, fast paced. Must regularly lift and/or move up to 50 lbs. High school diploma or GED. Drug-free workplace. Benefit package includes Blue Cross/Blue Shield, profit sharing, and 401K. Apply in person between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Located at 4440 Four Mile Road, east of I-75 or telephone Human Resources at (989) 348-5412, extension 137 for an application by mail. (-20/3)

## 3. Employment

**HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC** Full-time at AJD Forest Products, Grayling. Must have own tools. Drug-free workplace. Benefits package includes Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Profit Sharing, and 401K. Apply in person between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Located at 4440 Four Mile Road, east of I-75 or telephone Human Resources at (989) 348-5412, extension 137 for an application by mail. (-20/3)

**CANTEEN CORRECTIONAL FOOD SERVICES** seeking applications for a working Manager, full-time with benefits. Also two part-time Cook positions. Pre-employment physical, drug screening and background checks performed. Applications may be picked up at the Roscommon County Sheriff Department. (-20/3)

**LINE COOK NEEDED** Experience required. Full-time. Call Kurt at (989) 275-8770. (-13-20-27/3)

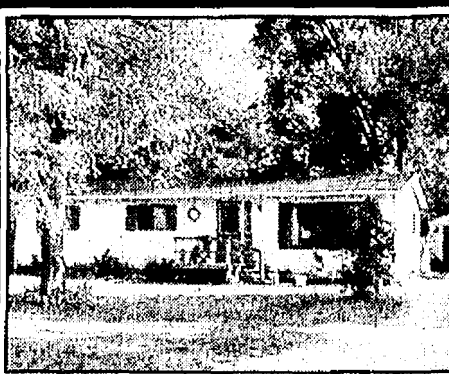
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The Grayling Housing Commission currently has 1 bedroom (senior/disabled) apartments available. Rent is based on 30% of gross adjusted income or \$400 maximum rent. Utilities included or a utility allowance is applied. Please call 348-9314 for more information or stop in at 308 Lawndale.

## 1. Real Estate

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Three Bedroom . . . \$375.00  
Four Bedroom . . . \$400.00  
Rent Includes Utilities

These flat rents are the maximum rents to be paid for the units listed above. The Grayling Housing Commission basic rent is calculated on 30% of income.

308 Lawndale Drive  
Telephone: 989-348-9314



## 2. For Rent

### Commercial Building For Rent

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## 2. For Rent



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## 1. Real Estate

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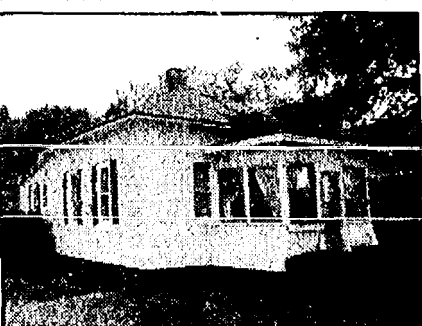


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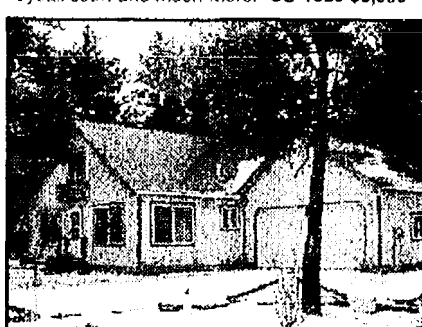
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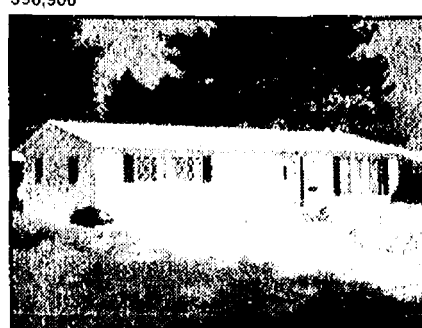
**SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOME?** Home offers 948 s.f. with 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, full basement with laundry. Large updated kitchen has pantry and floating snack bar. Home is ready to move into. Enclosed porch on front. Double lot with all the city services and convenient to stores, churches, schools etc. CS-1611 \$57,000



**GUTHRIE LAKES LOT #653!** Nice mixture with hardwoods and an excellent location to build. Association dues \$250.00 per year. Electricity at road, blacktop. 15 minutes North of Grayling and 15 minutes South of Grayford. Some of the many amenities property owners enjoy: clubhouse, swimming pool, bathhouse and dock, beach and play area, park and picnic tables, nature area, volleyball court and much more. CS-1625 \$6,000



**SECLUDED ESTATE ON 1.75 ACRES WITH** additional 2 lots available. This well crafted home is immaculate and offers an open floor plan with 1170 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Armstrong tongue and groove hardwood floors throughout. Oak kitchen cabinets with double duty island serves as work space and snack bar, cathedral ceilings, creosote vinyl windows, ceramic floor in bath, drywall throughout, 2 car attached garage. Comes completely furnished except few items. State land and snowmobile trails 1/4 mile. AuSable River 3.4 mile. Turn key. CS-1672 \$96,900



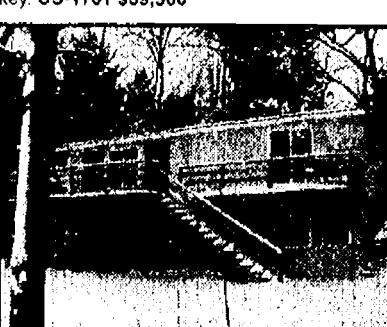
**BEAUTIFUL HOME IN THE CITY!** Immaculately well maintained home offers 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1 1/2 car detached garage. Appliances include stove, refrigerator (new), and garbage disposal. Washer and dryer negotiable. New carpet, new furnace & hot water heater, new roof on house and garage. Concrete circle drive. Great location. CS-1703 \$67,500



**Above the Crowd!**



**CLOSE TO STATE LAND AND THE MANISTEE RIVER.** Take a closer look...Very eye appealing home. Recently remodeled home offers vaulted ceilings, walkout patio door onto back deck. Family room & kitchen combination is perfect for the cook that does not want to be separated from family and guests. Beautiful natural fireplace off dining room. Oak doors and trim throughout, new bath, new carpet. Lots of kitchen cabinets and counter space. Immaculately kept home is turn key. CS-1701 \$69,500



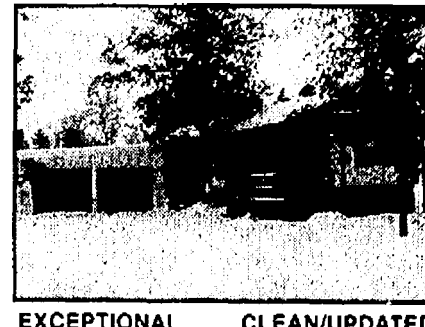
**BEAUTIFULLY WOODED HILLSIDE SETTING** with rolling terrain overlooking pond. Gorgeous newly remodeled 912 s.f. home plus full finished walk-out basement. 3 B/R, 2 bath, family room, 2 fireplaces, vaulted ceiling, doorwall onto 400 s.f. elevated deck. Maintenance free exterior with a rustic up north interior, 2 car garage and a 8 x 20 storage shed. Perfect recreational area near lakes and state land. CH-1687 \$105,000



**NEWLY REMODELED QUAD-LEVEL HOME!** 1,968 s.f., 3 B/R, 1 1/2 baths, living room, family room, knocked down drywall, ceramic tile in kitchen & dining room, sliding doorwall. New doors, windows, and vinyl siding. 24 x 26 keyless entry two car insulated detached garage with wood-stove. All situated on 1.9 acres beautifully wooded with birch and oak trees. 200 amp electrical service. CH-1708 \$104,900



**SQUARE 10 ACRES WITH FIXER UPPER MOBILE HOME.** 16 x 20 storage building. Ideal recreational property for hunting, snowmobiling, and horses. Backs up to State Land. Home in need of repair. CH-1712 \$36,500



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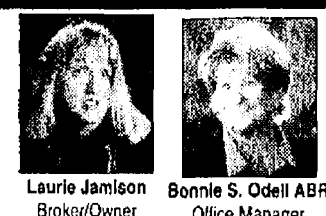
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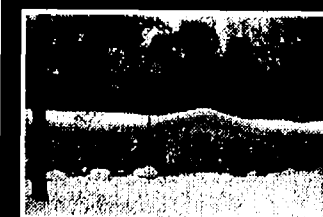
**Ideal Cottage/Location!** Ideal cottage near Higgins Lake, State Land & Trails. Neat one bedroom, one bath home. Has a garage and two storage buildings. 10 x 10 & 20 x 40. \$49,900 #225658



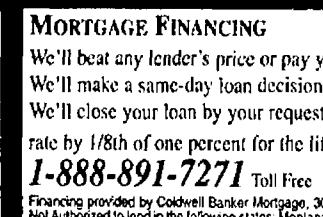
**Convenient & Economical!** This 2BR, 1 bath would make a good starter or rental home. Conveniently located close to schools and the hospital. A 24' x 32' garage with 8' x 10' doors new in 2000. Newer water filtering softener system. Back porch is 4' x 8' and enclosed. \$53,000 #225075



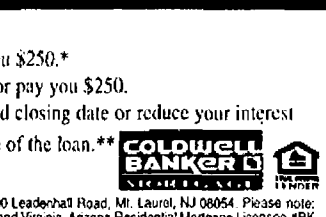
**The Perfect Starter or Retirement Home!** Located close to town, this 3BR, 1 bath is the perfect location for a first-time home owner or retiree. Includes family room with wood stove & doorwall leading out to a cement patio, above-ground pool, and newer drywall in garage. Also features Michigan basement. \$63,000 #225023



**Charm-Comfort-Location!** Bright and open with new kitchen. 4 bedroom, 2 bath home offers newer roof, furnace and drain field are 5 years old. Beautiful yard with fence in back and large deck. The large 2-car garage is wired with 220 for all your needs. \$103,000 #225059



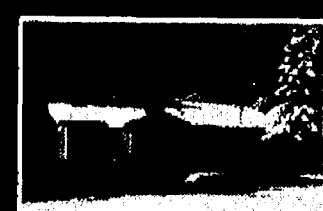
**Perfect Getaway Cabin!** Great little 1 bath studio cabin located within walking distance of Wakeley Lake. 20' x 24' garage, wonderful weekend getaway. \$32,900 #225029



**Large Remodeled Home!** Large 4BR home recently remodeled with new carpet, drywall, ceramic tile, roof and siding. Fenced yard. This is truly a must see! \$4,000 window allowance included. Sellers are licensed Real Estate Agents. \$79,900 #10426



**City Home with Extra Lot!** 3 bedroom, 1 bath "City" home with extra lot. Needs a little TLC, has basement and new metal roof. \$34,000 #224576



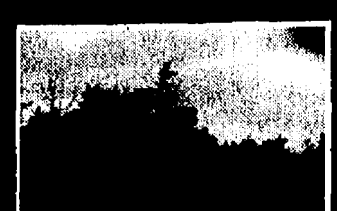
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### 9. Personals

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### 8. Announcements

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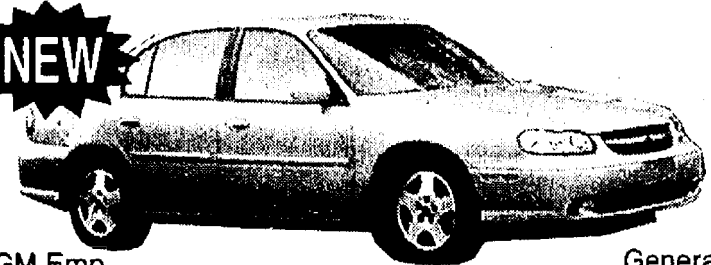
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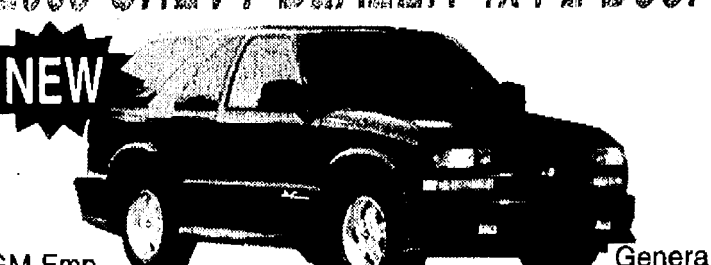
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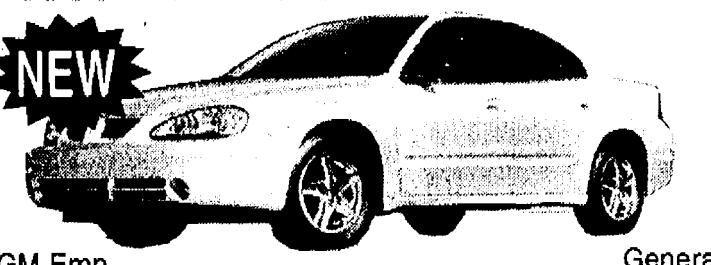
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<b>2001 PONTIAC SUNFIRE</b> 2 Dr., Red with power sunroof! Auto., air, spoiler, really sharp! #4728-1 Was \$11,988	Blowout Price \$10,488
<b>2003 PONTIAC VIBE</b> Auto., air, CD, power options, Satellite Silver, only 10,000 miles! A lot less than new! #4944 Was \$17,988	Blowout Price \$16,488
<b>1998 BUICK PARK AVENUE</b> Beautiful white luxury car with all the bells & whistles! Very clean! A real bargain! #19145-1 Was \$15,988	Blowout Price \$12,988
<b>2000 SATURN LS1</b> Bigger Saturn with all of the small car reliability! Low miles and excellent condition! #4881 Was \$14,488	Blowout Price \$10,988
<b>2000 CADILLAC DEVILLE</b> Wow! What an incredible car! 10,000 miles, white diamond, heated leather seats, creampu! Won't last long! #4996 Was \$29,988	Blowout Price \$26,988
<b>2000 CHEVY IMPALA</b> Like new! Very nicely equipped, power options, the works! Only 27,000 miles! #4990 Was \$14,988	Blowout Price \$12,988
<b>2000 OLDSMOBILE INTRIQUE</b> What a beauty! Clean and fully equipped! Only 22,000 miles! #4993 Was \$14,988	Blowout Price \$12,988
<b>2002 BUICK LESABRE</b> Custom, really nice and clean in popular "Titanium Blue" color! Almost \$10,000 less than new! #19714-1 Was \$19,988	Blowout Price \$16,988
<b>2002 CHEVROLET CAVALIER</b> 4 dr., auto., with air! Don't pay almost \$20,000 for a new car. Buy next to new & save thousands! #19693-1 Was \$11,988	Blowout Price \$9,988
<b>1998 BUICK LESABRE</b> Beautiful Sandstone with simulated convertible top! Nice car! #19703-1 Was \$10,988	Blowout Price \$9,488
<b>2001 SATURN SL1</b> 4 dr., auto., with air. Only 8,000 miles. #4856 Was \$13,988	Blowout Price \$8,988
<b>1995 PLYMOUTH NEON</b> Great car for the price. #19279-1 Was \$3,988	Blowout Price \$2,988
<b>1995 CADILLAC CONCOURS</b> Leather and loaded! Clean and standing tall! #19390-2 Was \$8,988	Blowout Price \$7,988
<b>1997 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS SUPREME</b> Very nice with only 56,000 miles! #19357-2 Was \$8,988	Blowout Price \$7,488
<b>1998 DODGE NEON</b> Auto. with air, CD, power windows and locks! Great fuel economy! #18890-1 Was \$6,988	Blowout Price \$5,988
<b>1993 CADILLAC DEVILLE</b> Very nice, clean, not worn out by any means! #19465-1 Was \$6,988	Blowout Price \$5,488
<b>1999 DODGE NEON</b> Highline 4 dr., auto., air, power options, really nice! #19419-1 Was \$6,988	Blowout Price \$5,988


<b>1997 OLDS AURORA</b> Nice car in good shape! Has a few miles, but priced right! #19123-2 Was \$8,988	Blowout Price \$7,488
<b>1998 FORD TAURUS GL</b> Loaded with options, clean and nice! Has some miles, but the price shows it! #19457-1 Was \$6,988	Blowout Price \$4,988
<b>1996 CHRYSLER LHS</b> WOW! Leather, power moonroof, clean and sharp! #19620-1 Was \$6,988	Blowout Price \$5,988
<b>1998 CADILLAC CATERA</b> Really sharp and clean! Loaded with options! Drive a Cadillac for a Chevy price! #18758-2 Was \$11,988	Blowout Price \$9,988
<b>1999 SATURN WAGON SW1</b> Auto., with air! Very clean! Must see! Great gas mileage! #4882 Was \$12,988	Blowout Price \$8,988
<b>1999 PONTIAC SUNFIRE</b> 4 dr., only 40,000 miles! Clean and sharp! Red! Worry Free 4 mo./4,000 warranty! #19263-1 Was \$12,988	Blowout Price \$9,988
<b>1998 BUICK LESABRE</b> Custom, popular "Sandrift" color, very nice and sharp! #19138-2 Was \$10,988	Blowout Price \$9,488
<b>1999 CHEVROLET MALIBU LS</b> With leather! Loaded, neat as a pin! Won't last long! #4985 Was \$10,988	Blowout Price \$8,988
<b>2001 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4 4DR.</b> LT Model! Very clean and nice. Full power! #19425-1 Was \$17,988	Blowout Price \$15,988
<b>1997 CHEVROLET TAHOE 4 DR. 4X4</b> LT with leather! Nice truck! #4957-1 Was \$12,988	Blowout Price \$11,488
<b>1998 CHEVROLET K1500 EXT. CAB. 4X4</b> V8, auto., nicely equipped! Sharp looker! #19241-2 Was \$14,988	Blowout Price \$12,988
<b>2000 FORD RANGER SUPERCAB 4X4</b> V6, XLT, Flareside! Clean and nice! #4967 Was \$14,988	Blowout Price \$12,988
<b>2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4</b> Really nice new body style Jeep. Ready for Winter! #4938 Was \$19,988	Blowout Price \$17,988
<b>2002 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4X4</b> Don't pay \$45,000 for a brand new one! LS, fully equipped! #19666 Was \$32,988	Blowout Price \$29,988
<b>2000 CHEVY SILVERADO REG. CAB</b> 2 Wheel Drive, auto., with air! V6 with only 10,000 miles! #4899 Was \$17,988	Blowout Price \$14,988
<b>1999 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4X4</b> LT with leather! Loaded to the max! 35,000 miles! #4718 Was \$27,988	Blowout Price \$24,988
<b>1998 PONTIAC TRANS SPORT</b> Ext. wheel base, leather, very clean! #4923 Was \$12,988	Blowout Price \$11,988
<b>2001 PONTIAC MONTANA</b> Extended minivan. Loaded with rear air, all of the options! Only 27,000 miles! Perfect for spring break vacation! #19701-1 Was \$16,988	Blowout Price \$16,988
<b>1998 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER SE</b> Fully equipped, only 65,000 miles. These are \$30,000 brand new! #19311-1 Was \$11,988	Blowout Price \$10,488
<b>2000 FORD WINDSTAR</b> SE package, fully equipped, very clean, low, low payments! #19107-1 Was \$13,988	Blowout Price \$12,488



<b>1999 GMC SONOMA EXT. CAB 4X4</b> SLS, fully equipped, very clean and sharp! #4918 Was \$15,988	Blowout Price \$13,988
<b>1999 S-10 EXT. CAB</b> 2 wheel drive, 3rd door, auto., air, LS, tilt, cruise! A great little truck for a little bit of money! #4825 Was \$13,988	Blowout Price \$11,988
<b>2000 CHEVY BLAZER 4 DR. 4X4</b> LT leather, sunroof, two-tone paint, beautiful unit! #19317-1 Was \$16,488	Blowout Price \$16,988
<b>2000 PONTIAC MONTANA</b> Lots of extras and only 30,000 miles! These are \$25,000 brand new! #4969 Was \$14,988	Blowout Price \$12,988
<b>2000 CADILLAC ESCALADE ALL WHEEL DRIVE</b> Wow! What a sweetheart! Aspen white with neutral leather. Top shelf! #4945 Was \$33,988	Blowout Price \$31,988
<b>2001 CHEVY TAHOE 4 DR. 4X4</b> LS trim with 3rd row of seats! Very comfortably equipped with only 16,000 miles! #4940 Was \$30,988	Blowout Price \$28,988
<b>2000 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4 EXT. CAB</b> LS, 5.3 V8, fully equipped! #19712-1 Was \$19,988	Blowout Price \$17,988
<b>2003 PONTIAC MONTANA ALL WHEEL DRIVE</b> Awesome - only 9,000 miles! DVD rear entertainment package (you'd be a hero!) Loaded! #4994 Was \$27,988	Blowout Price \$25,988
<b>2002 JEEP LIBERTY 4X4</b> WOW! Power sunroof, fully equipped! #19468-1 Was \$21,988	Blowout Price \$19,988
<b>2002 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER EXT. 4X4</b> 3 seats! Rear DVD Entertainment! LT with leather! Loaded! Only 10,000 miles! #4989 Was \$30,988	Blowout Price \$28,988
<b>2002 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4X4</b> LS, loaded 5.3 V8, Pro-Tec Composite box package, low miles! #19708-1 Was \$25,988	Blowout Price \$23,988
<b>Clean Trucks Under \$10,000</b>	
<b>1995 CHEVY C1500</b> 2 Wheel drive, V6, stick, decent truck! Only 75,000 miles! #19543-1 Was \$6,988	Blowout Price \$5,988
<b>1993 FORD EXPLORER</b> 4 dr., 4x4 with leather and sunroof! Nice unit has some miles, but priced right! #18610-2 Was \$6,988	Blowout Price \$4,988
<b>1996 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO</b> 6 cyl., nice! Ready for winter! #19186-3 Was \$9,988	Blowout Price \$8,488
<b>1996 FORD WINDSTAR MINIVAN</b> Nice van with lots of family driving left for a little price! #19512-1 Was \$8,988	Blowout Price \$6,988
<b>1995 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4</b> 2 dr., nice looking 4x4 sport utility, ready for winter! #19210-2 Was \$8,988	Blowout Price \$6,988
<b>1999 CHEVY S10 REGULAR CAB</b> 2 wheel drive, manual with air, LS, lots of options! Only 35,000 miles! #4883 Was \$11,988	Blowout Price \$8,988
<b>1995 CHEVROLET C1500 EXT. CAB</b> 2 wheel drive, V8, neat as a pin, fully equipped! #19253-1 Was \$12,988	Blowout Price \$9,988
<b>1993 CHEVY K1500 REG. CAB 4X4</b> With plow! V8, auto., silverado trim, A/C, only 75,000 miles! #4987 Was \$8,988	Blowout Price \$7,788










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